

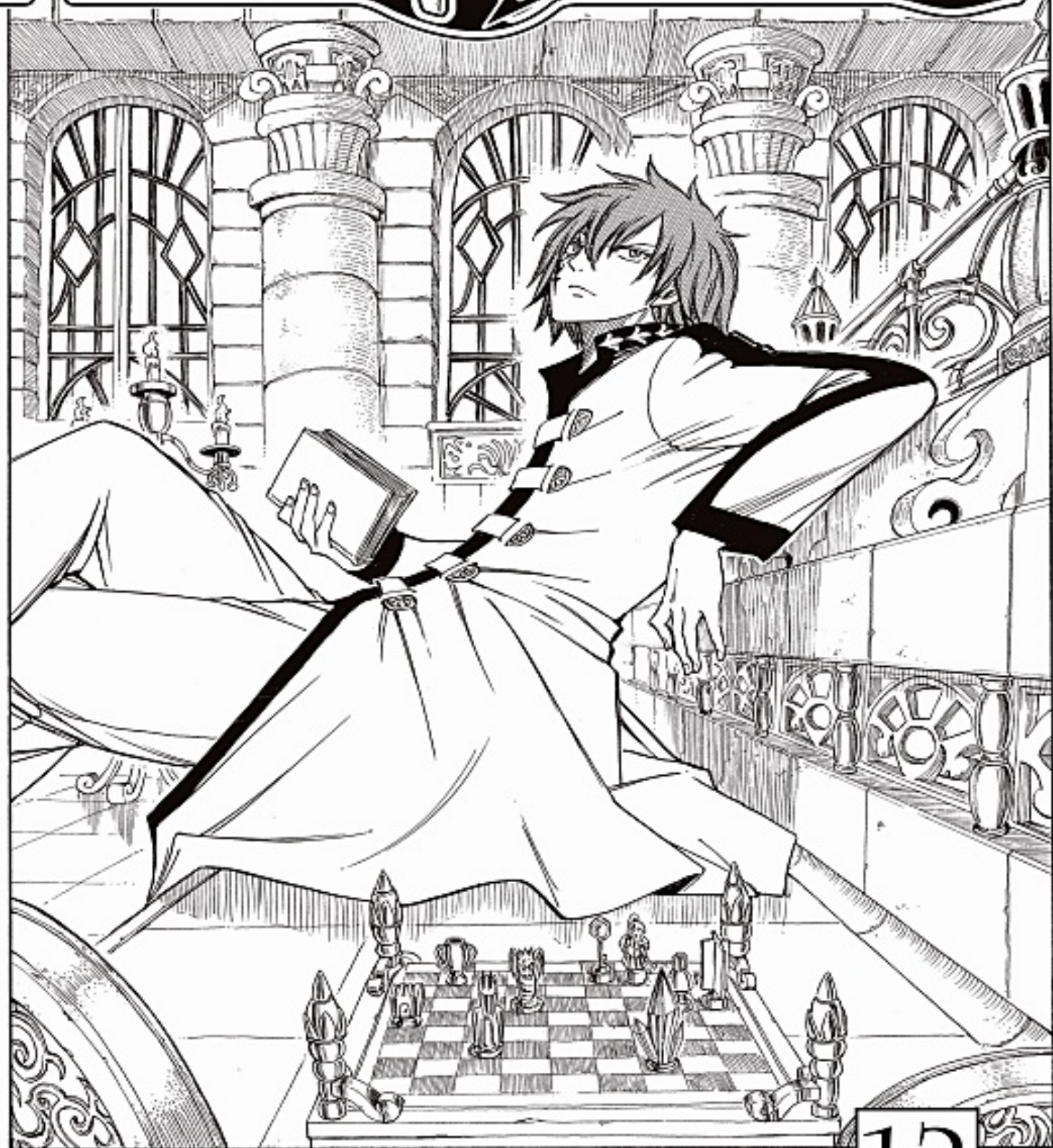
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Hiro Mashima Creator of
Rave Master

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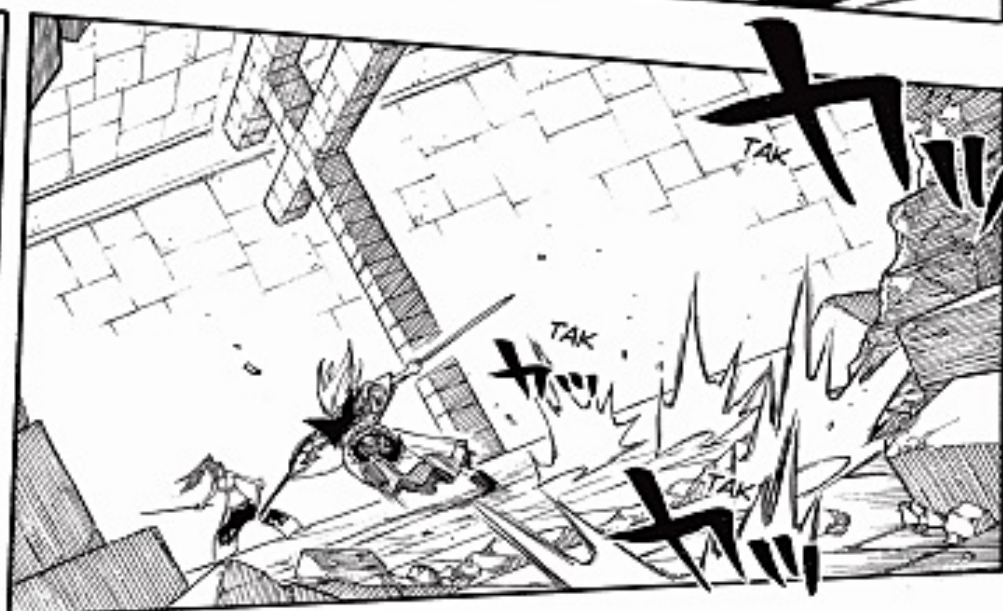
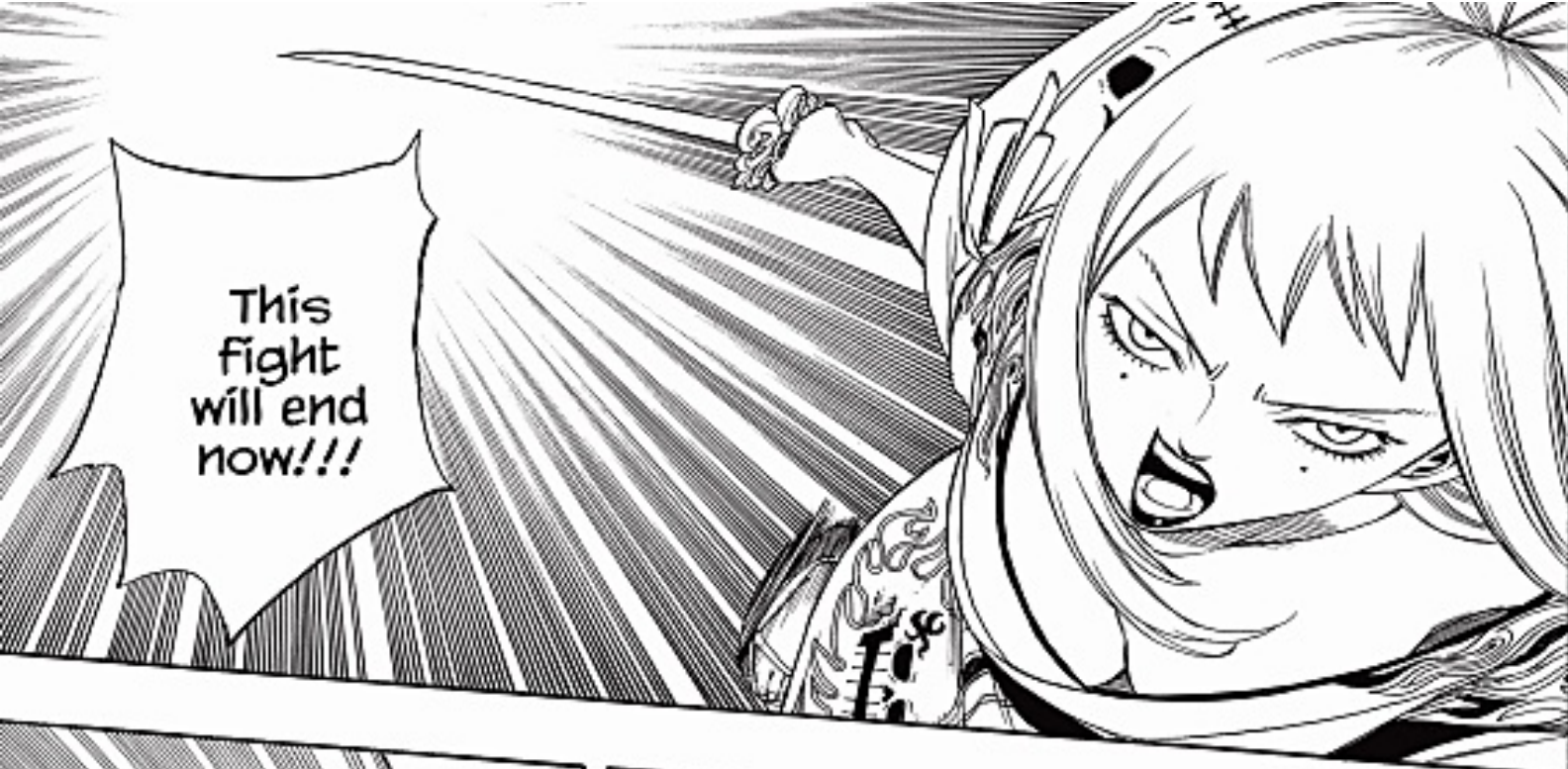


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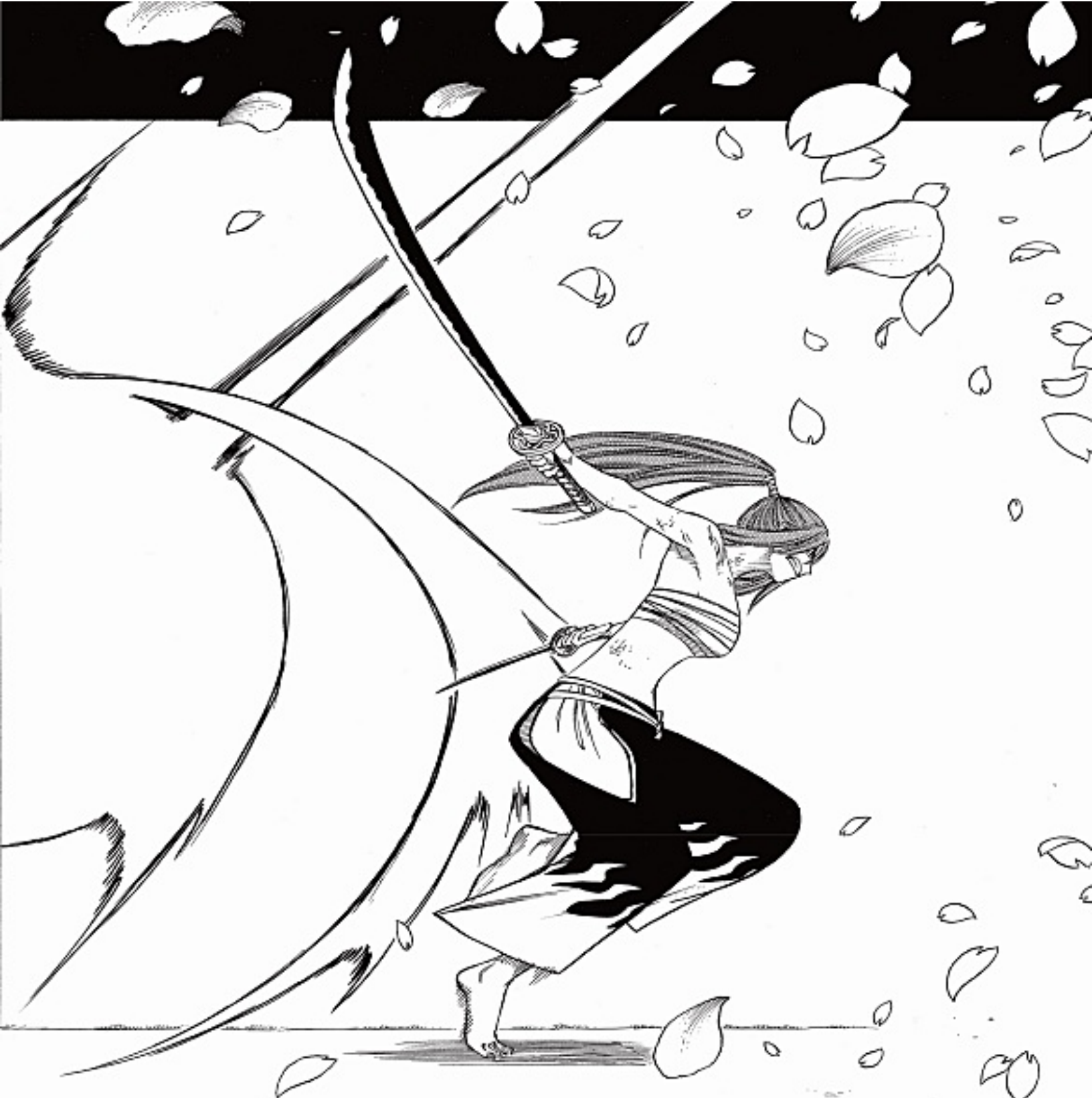
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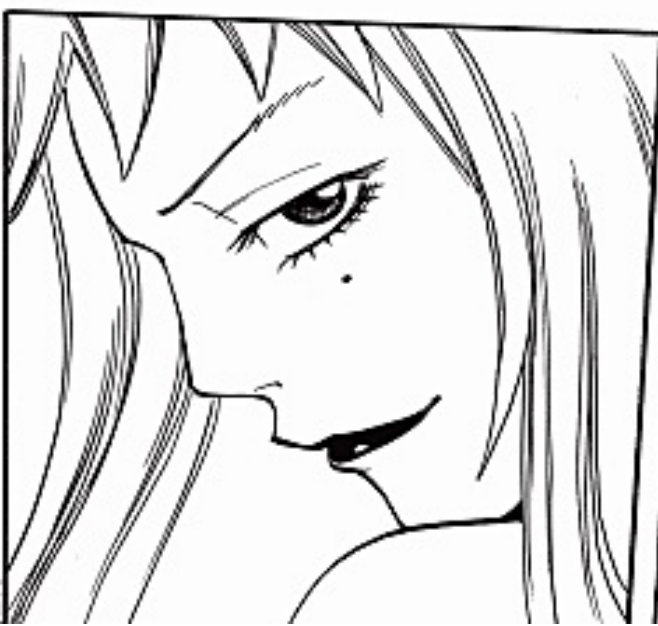
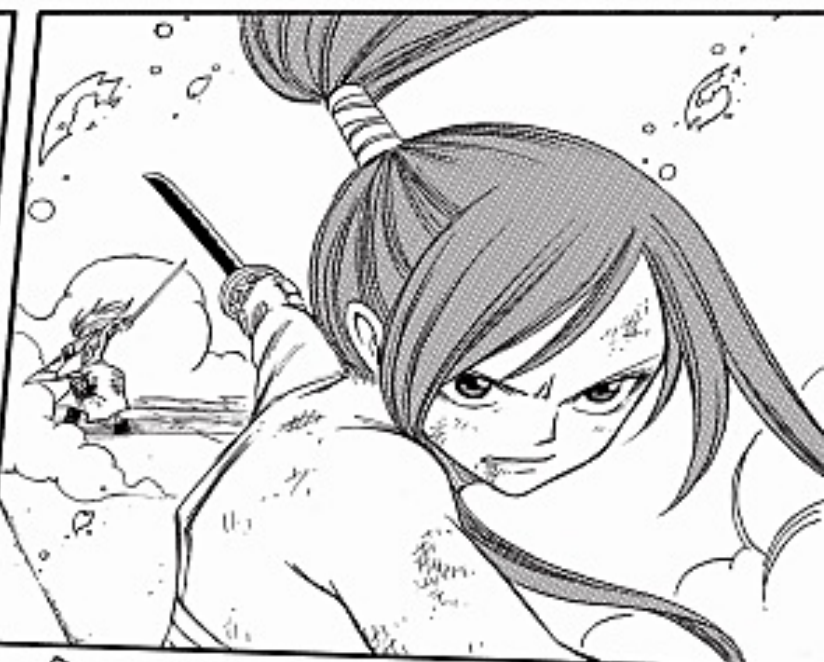
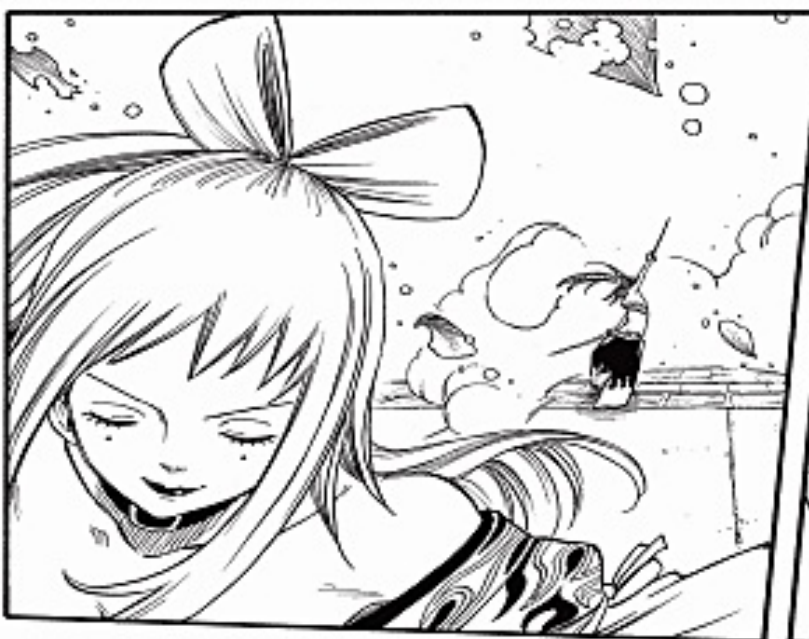
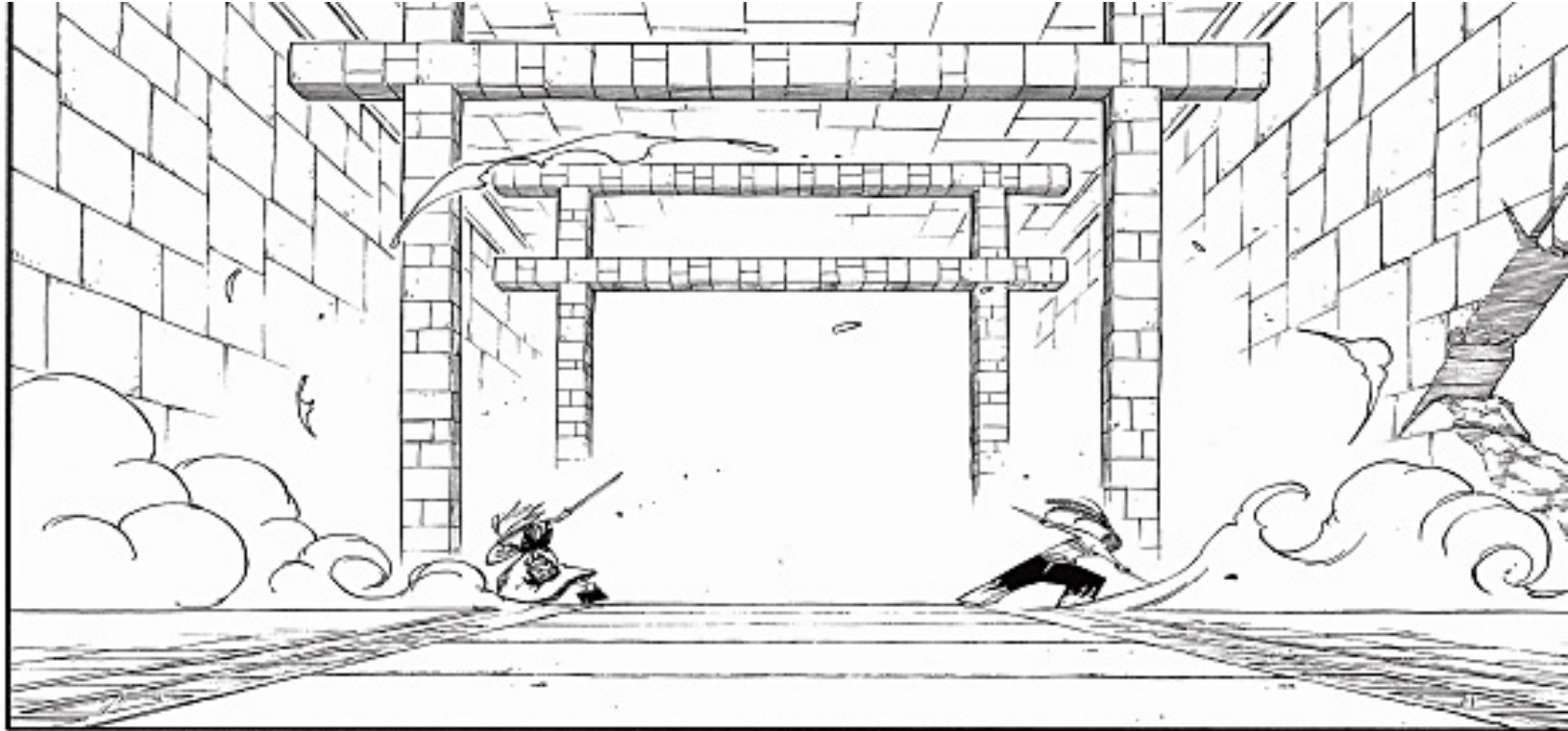
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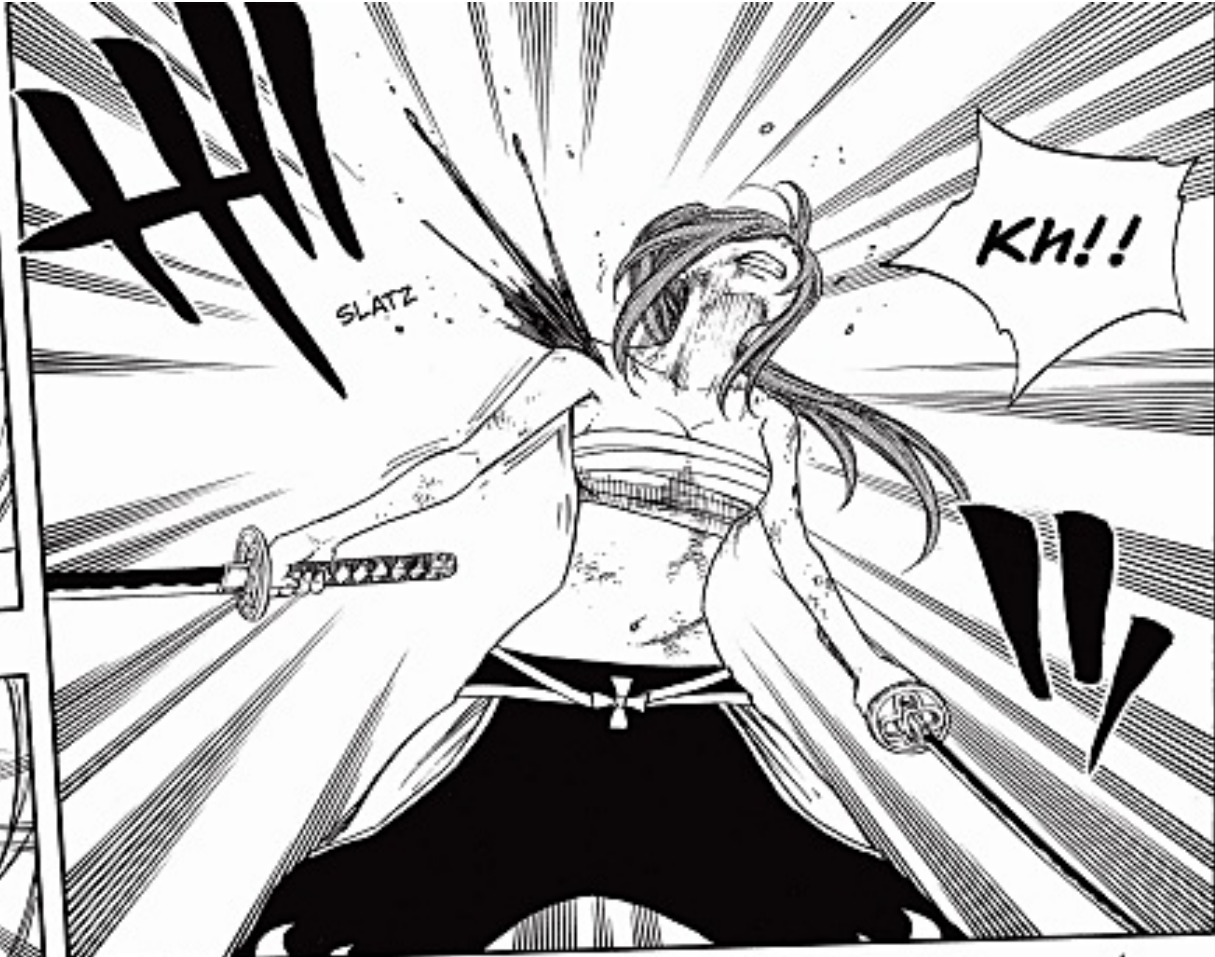






Chapter 92: Destiny







V-Very...
impressive...



HAHH

HAHH

HAHH



That was
amazing!!!
Sis, you're
incredible!!!



In fifteen minutes...



!!



L-Lost. That is...the first time...that has happened...since I entered the guild...

However, you will lose too... to Jellal...



Ah...

That poem was terrible...



Fall down upon us;
O light of divine justice;
Bring death to us all!

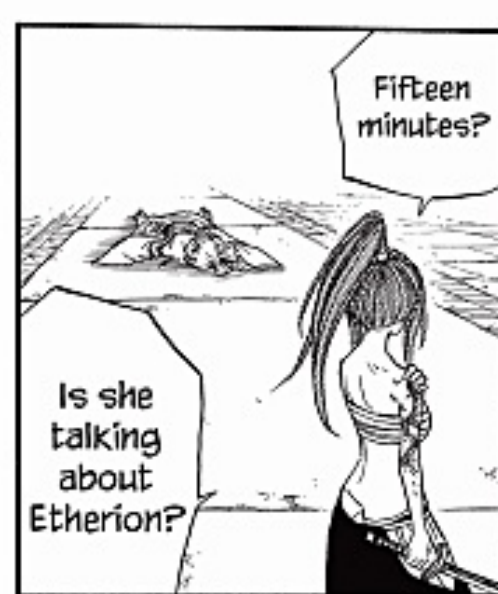


Quickly, gather up Simon and the others, along with my friends from the guild, and get as far away from here as you can!



Shô, you're wounded. Can you walk?

Y-Yeah... I think so...



Fifteen minutes?

Is she talking about Etherion?



...Shô?

You will
do as
I ask,
won't
you...



B-But...



What
about
you,
sis?

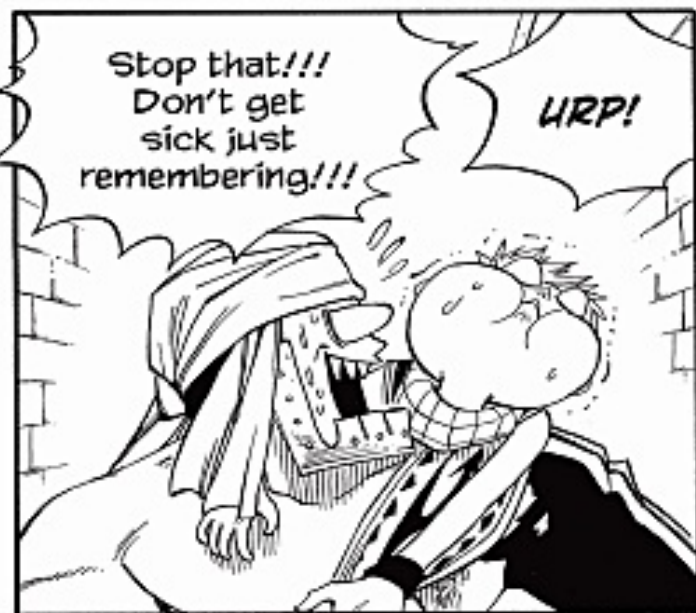
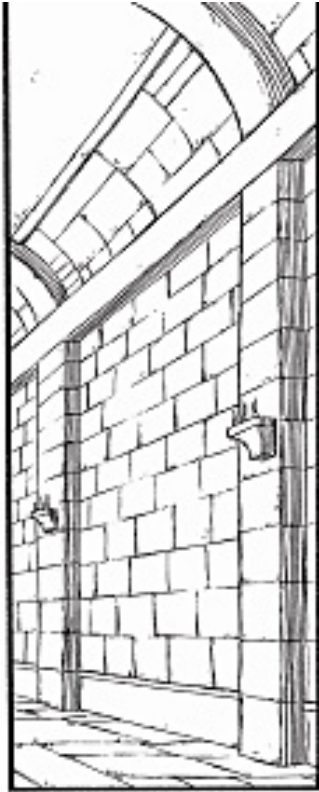


Yeah.



...I'm
going
to end
this!

I'll
meet
you, but
first...



That cat
flew him
from the
tower.

But Gray
was pretty
beaten up
in the battle
too.

After that,
you were
eaten by
Fukuro and
saved by
Gray.

*By
Gray?
!!*

*Hey!
Focus!*

I just know he's going
to use this against me
for a whole month!!!
He's the kind of guy
who never knows when
a joke gets old!
DAMMIT!

I don't know
if I'd call it
"losing."
You were
eaten.

Arrrgg!!!
It isn't
possible!!!
How can I lose
and Gray
win?!!!

*This
isn't the
time for
stunts like
that!!!!*

GWIP

I can't let this
stand!!!! I need
revenge!!!! I'm
going off to fight
that dumb Fukuro
again!!!!

This time,
I'll do it with an
arm tied behind my
back!!!! If I have a
handicap like that,
then—



GURK!



I'm Simon.
Erza's old friend.



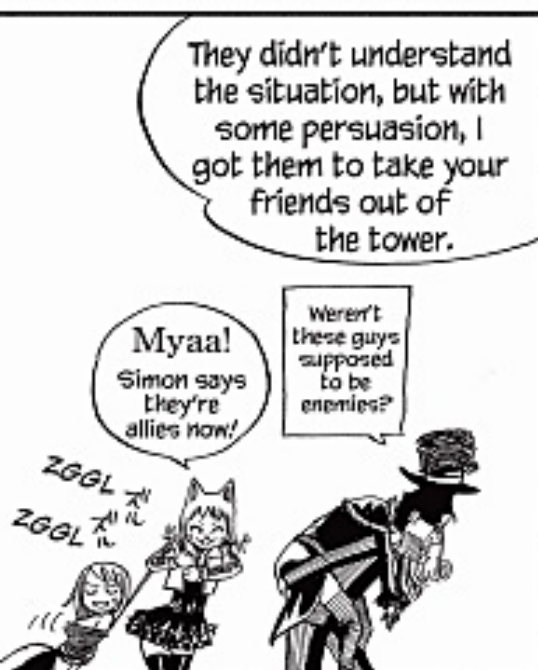
By the way, who
are you
again?



D-Don't
worry about
me... Just
listen,
Natsu...

SLUMP

Hey,
are you
hurt?!

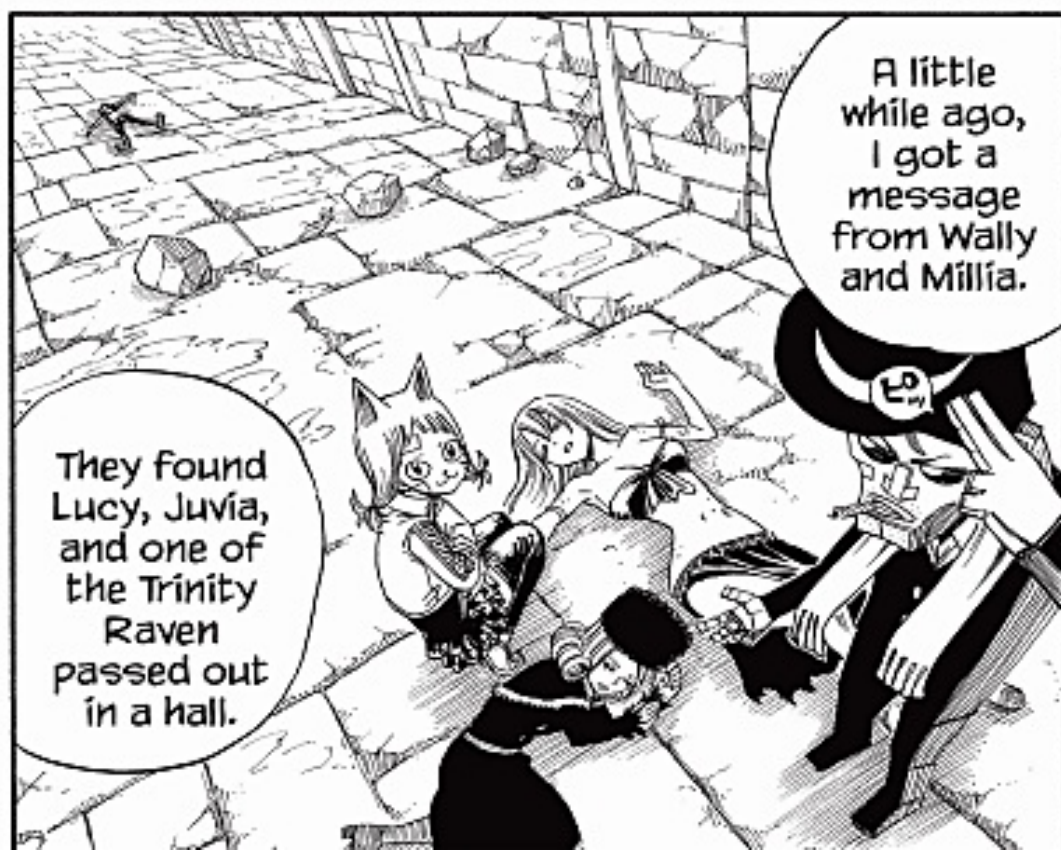


They didn't understand
the situation, but with
some persuasion, I
got them to take your
friends out of
the tower.

Myaa!

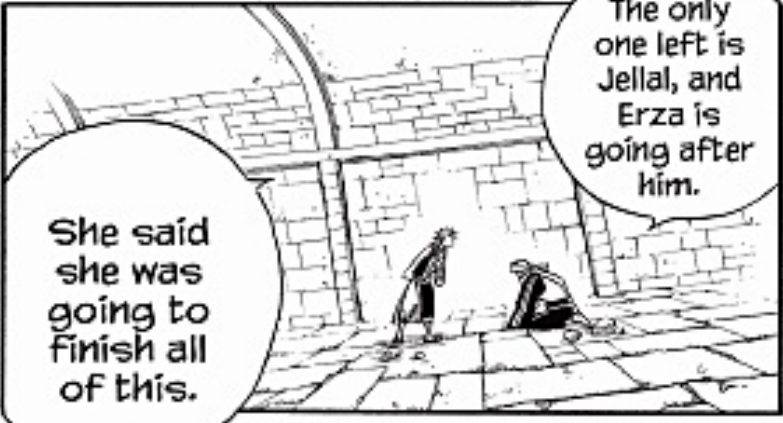
Simon says
they're
allies now!

Weren't
these guys
supposed
to be
enemies?



A little
while ago,
I got a
message
from Wally
and Millia.

They found
Lucy, Juvia,
and one of the Trinity
Raven
passed out
in a hall.



She said
she was
going to
finish all
of this.

The only
one left is
Jellal, and
Erza is
going after
him.



*But I
didn't beat
any of
them!!!*



Soon after, I got
a message from
Shô saying that
all three of the
Trinity Raven have
been defeated.



...but
Jellal is
much too
powerful...



A fight to the
death may be
an unavoidable
destiny for
them...

Fate has
bound
those two
for eight
years.



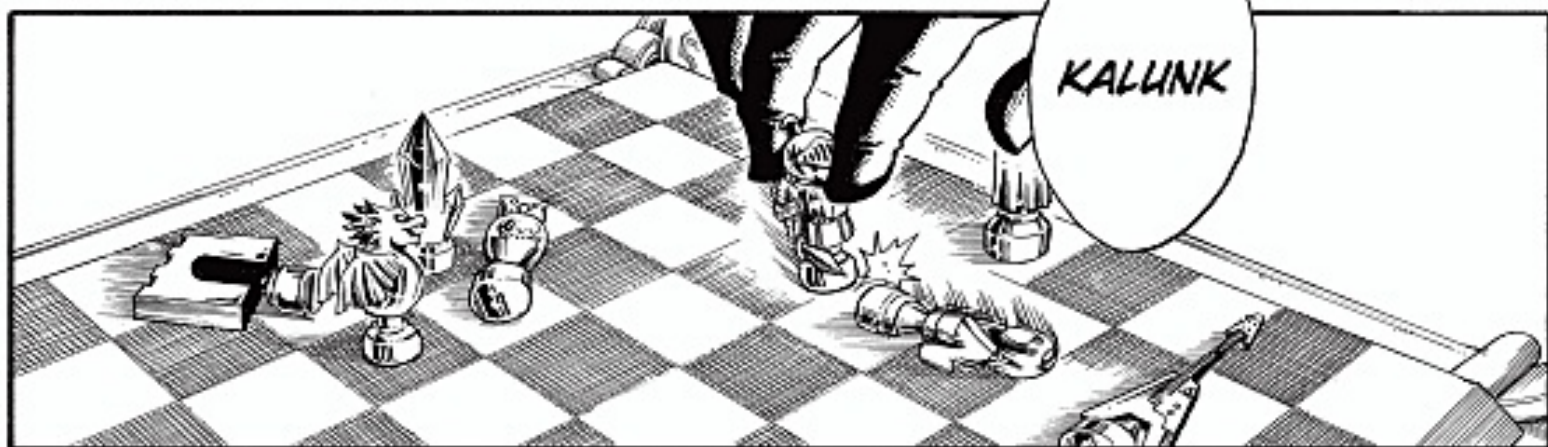
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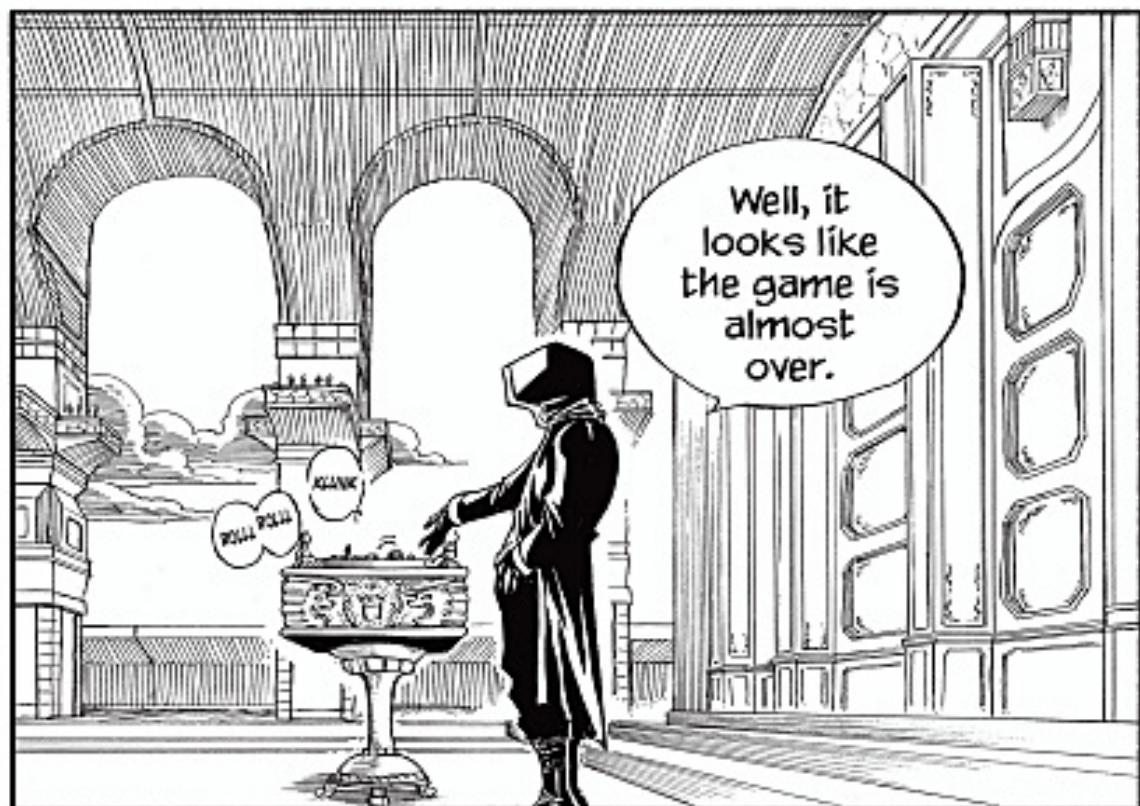
I don't
wanna!



*So please!!!
Go rescue
Erza!!!*



Is it really
so fun to play
games with
people's lives?



Or to put
it another way,
life on its
own is boring
and empty.



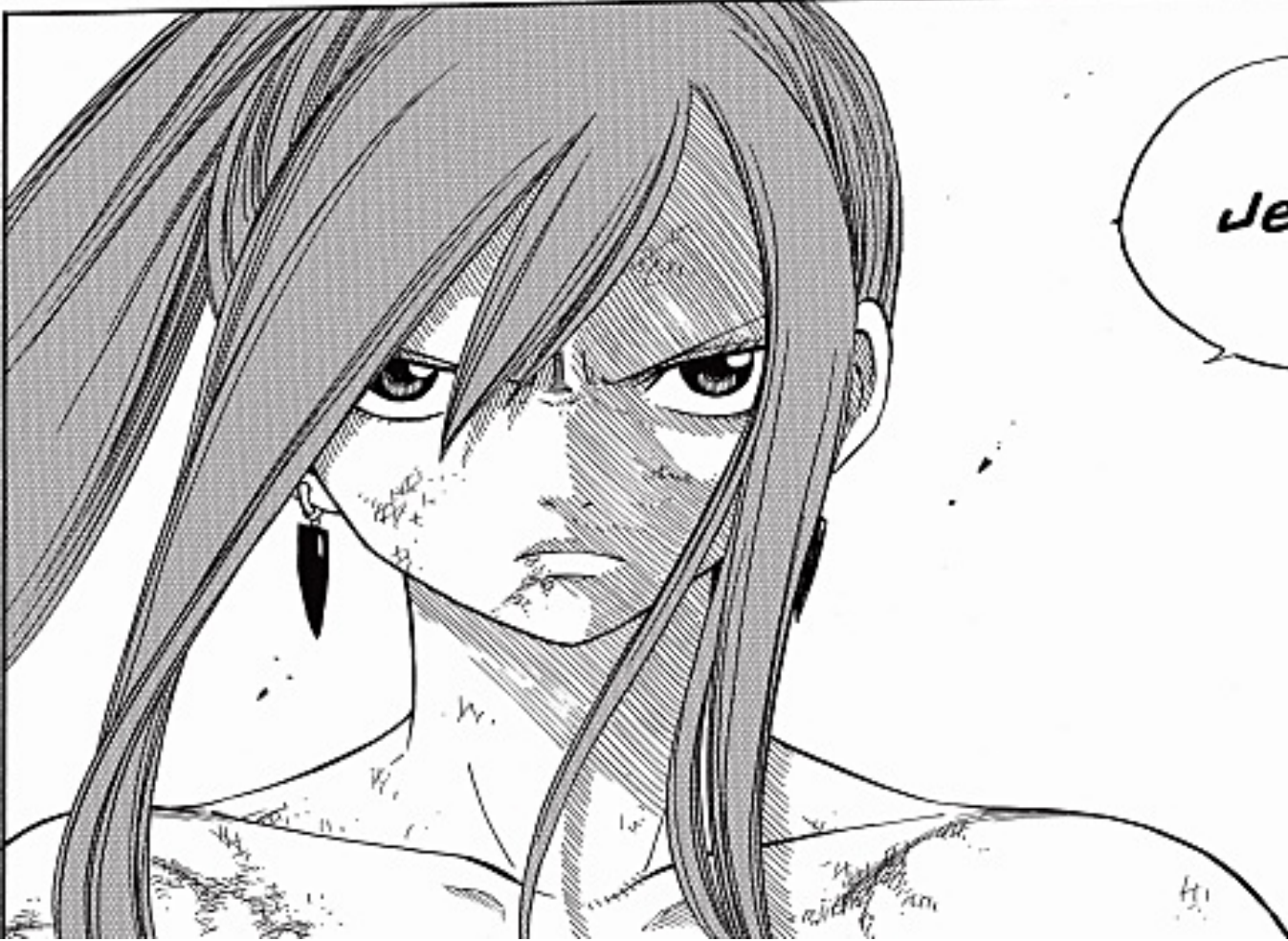
"Fun?"
Yes,
it is.

A close-up of Jellal's face, partially obscured by a dark hood with a white trim. He has a slight, enigmatic smile and is looking downwards. His long hair is visible under the hood.

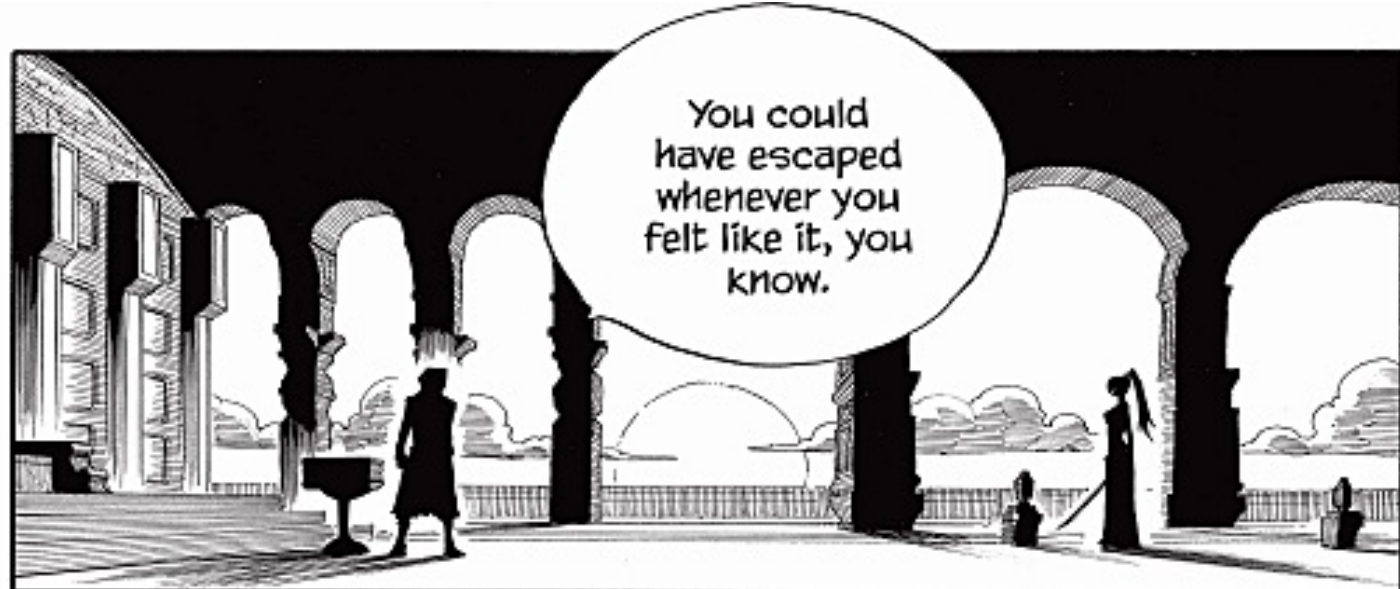
*It's
been a
while...*

A close-up of Jellal's face, partially obscured by a dark hood with a white trim. He has a slight, enigmatic smile and is looking downwards. His long hair is visible under the hood.

...Erza.

A close-up of Erza's face. She has long, straight hair and a serious, determined expression. She is looking slightly to the side.

Jellal.





No! You
will die as
a sacrifice
to Zeref!!

*It's
already
been
decided!!!*

*It is
your
destiny!!!!*



I'm glad
to hear
it!!!!

Then I will
have my
chance to
stop you here
in those ten
minutes...

*... and
finish
this once
and for
all!!!!*



You...
refuse to
save your
friend...?

Refuse
to rescue
Erza?!!



This isn't
a problem
I can go
sticking my
nose in.

He's Erza's
enemy. Erza
can finish
him off
herself.



*Who do
you think
Erza
is, you
jerk?!!!!*



*Erza can
never
beat
Jellal!!!!*



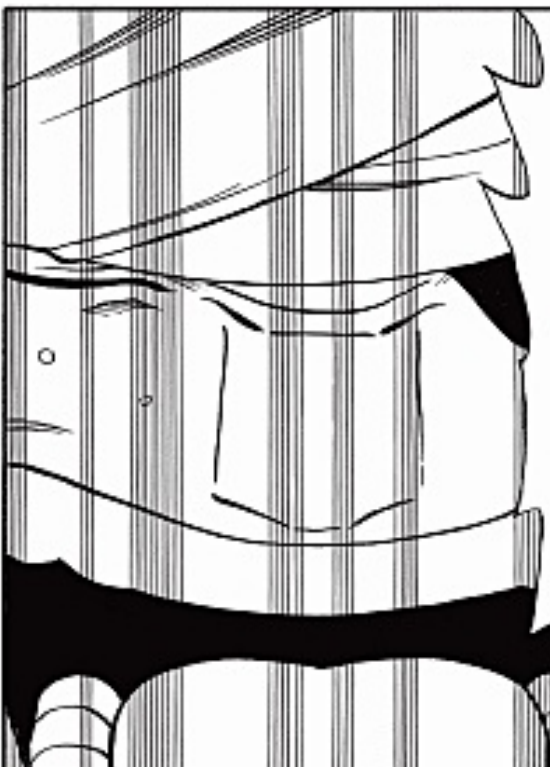
Erza
is...



**No!!! I'm
not talking
about
magic
powers!!!!**



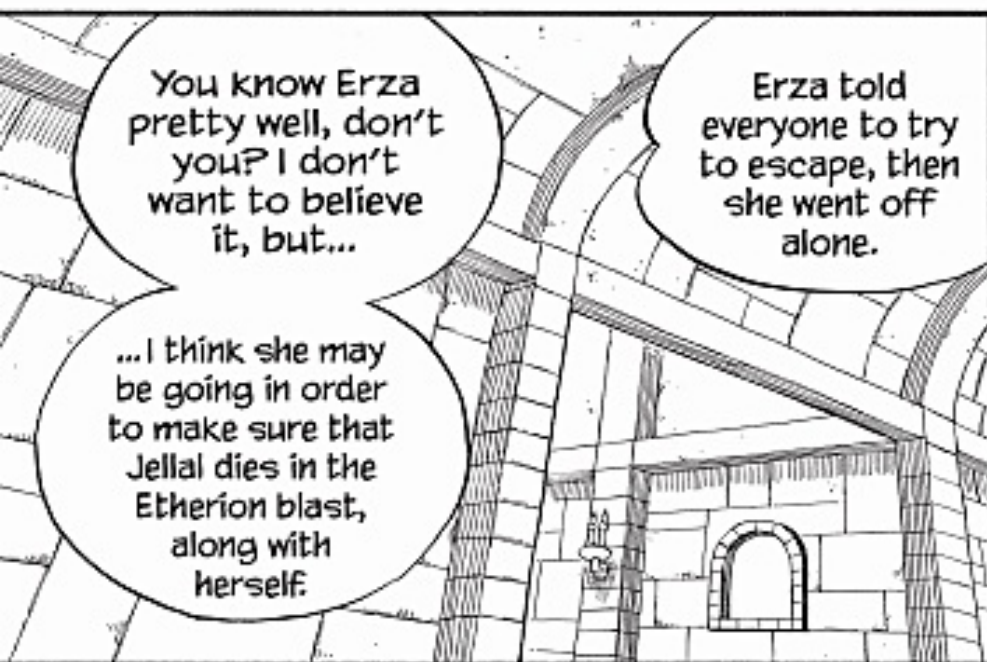
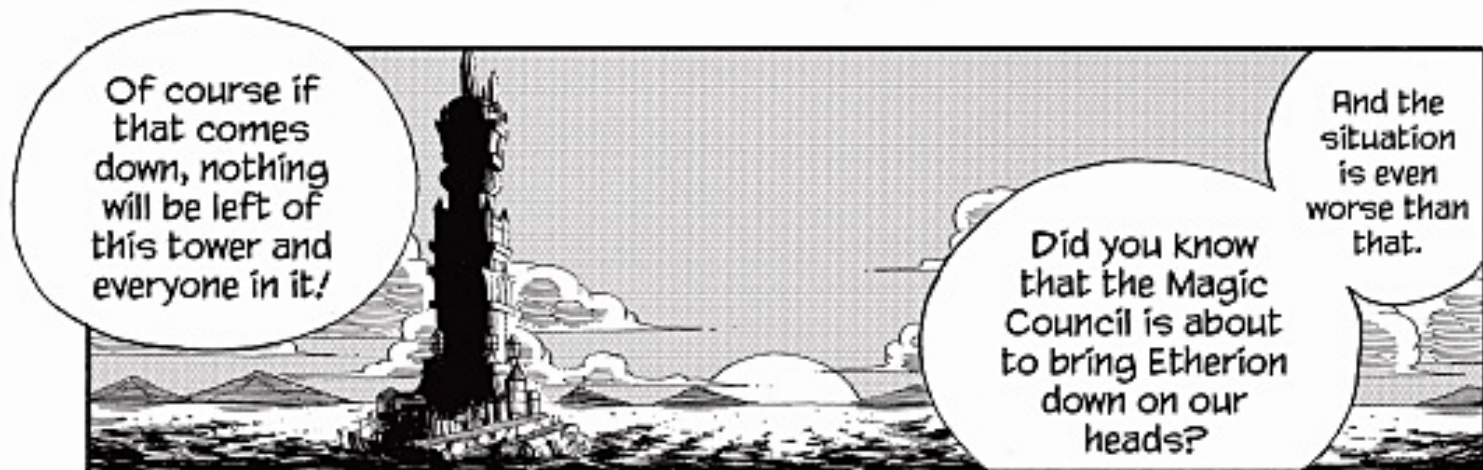
**...Erza
is trying
to save
Jellal from
himself,
even
now!!!!**



**She can
never
bring
herself
to hate
him!!!!**

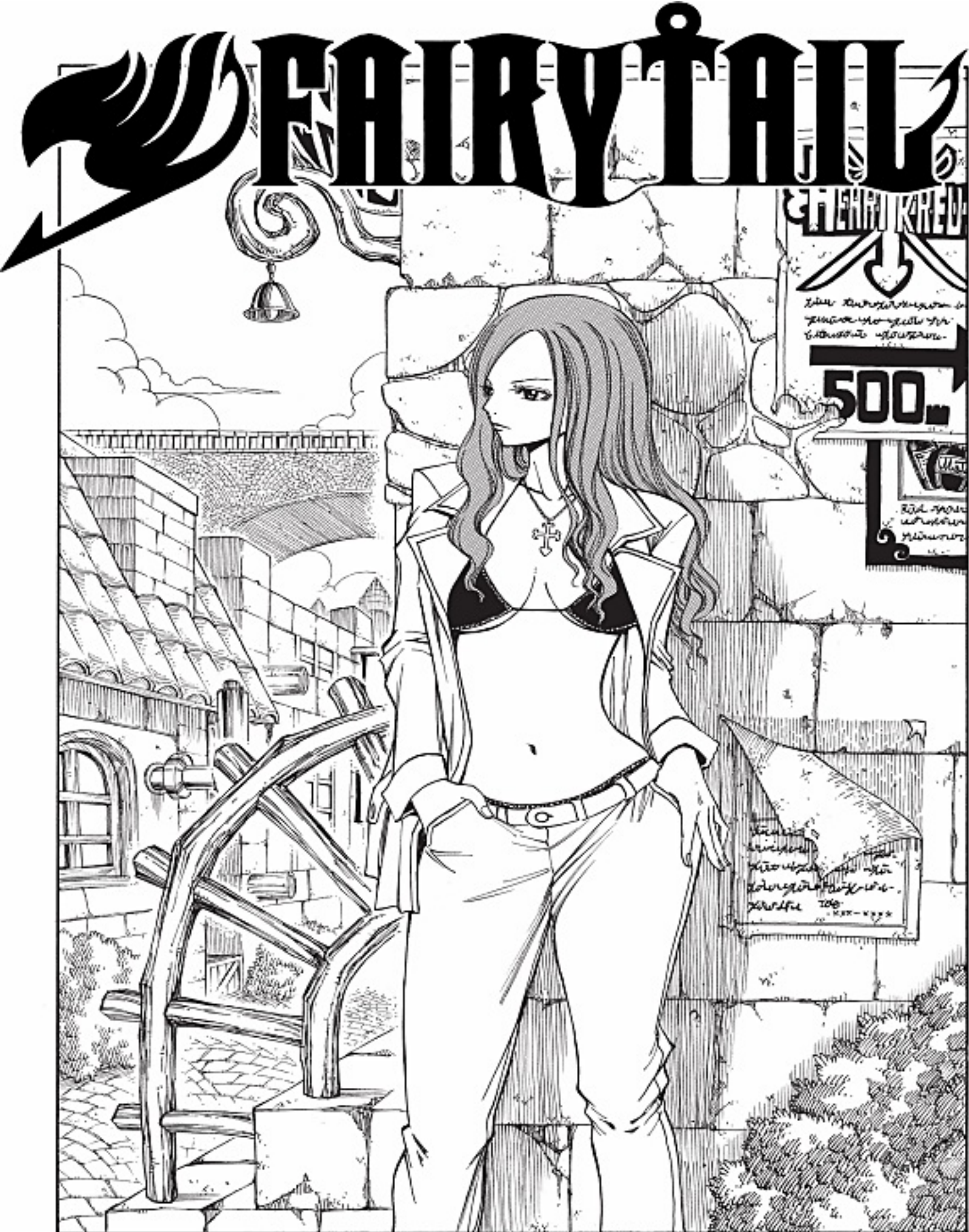


**I
know
it!!!**

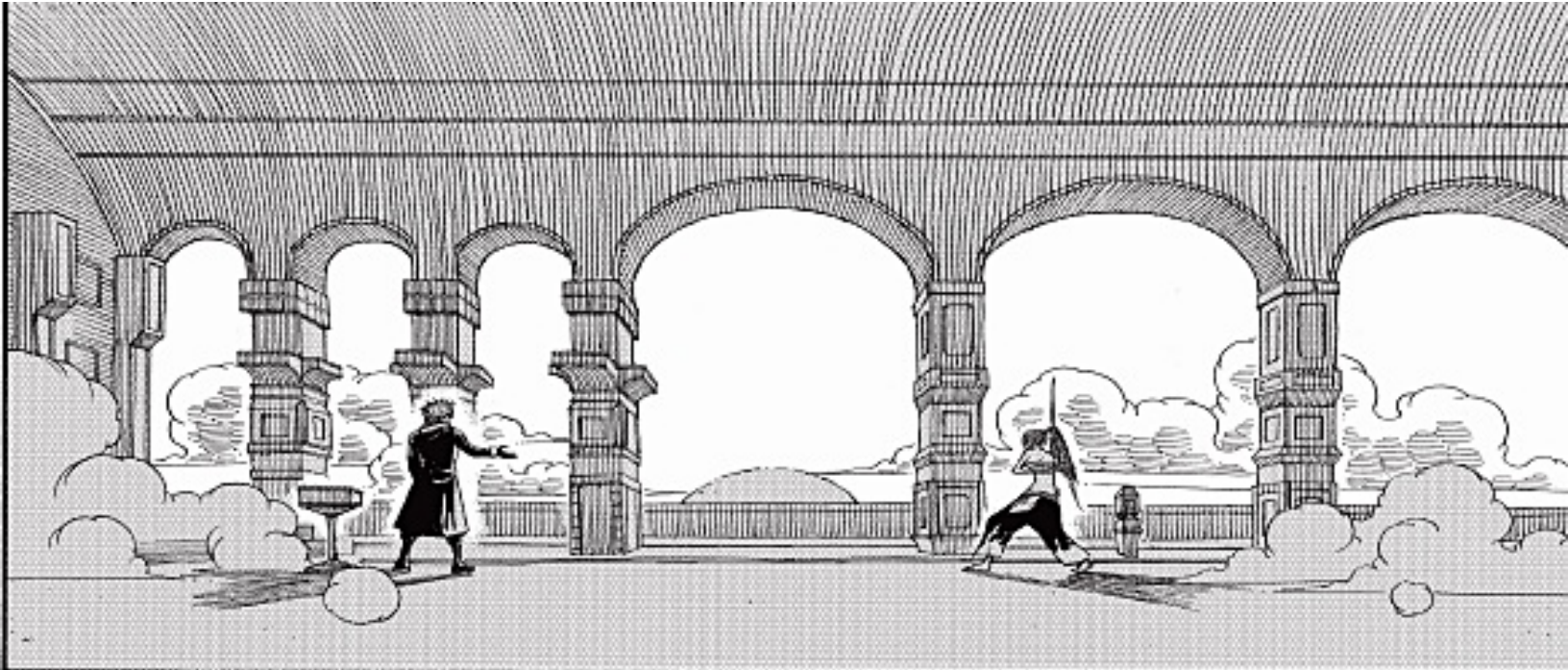




***Where
is
Erza
now?
!!!!***



Chapter 93: Pray to the Sacred Light



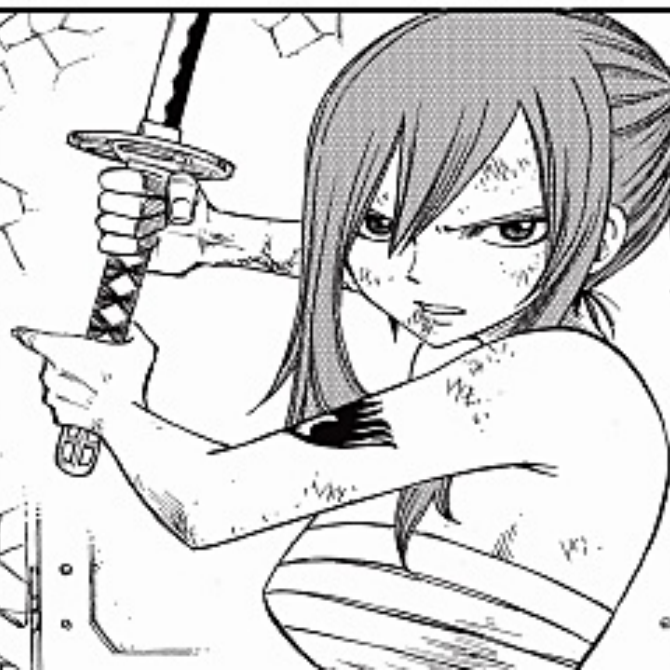
So let's
enjoy these
seven
minutes to
the fullest,
Erza!



Only
seven
minutes
left.

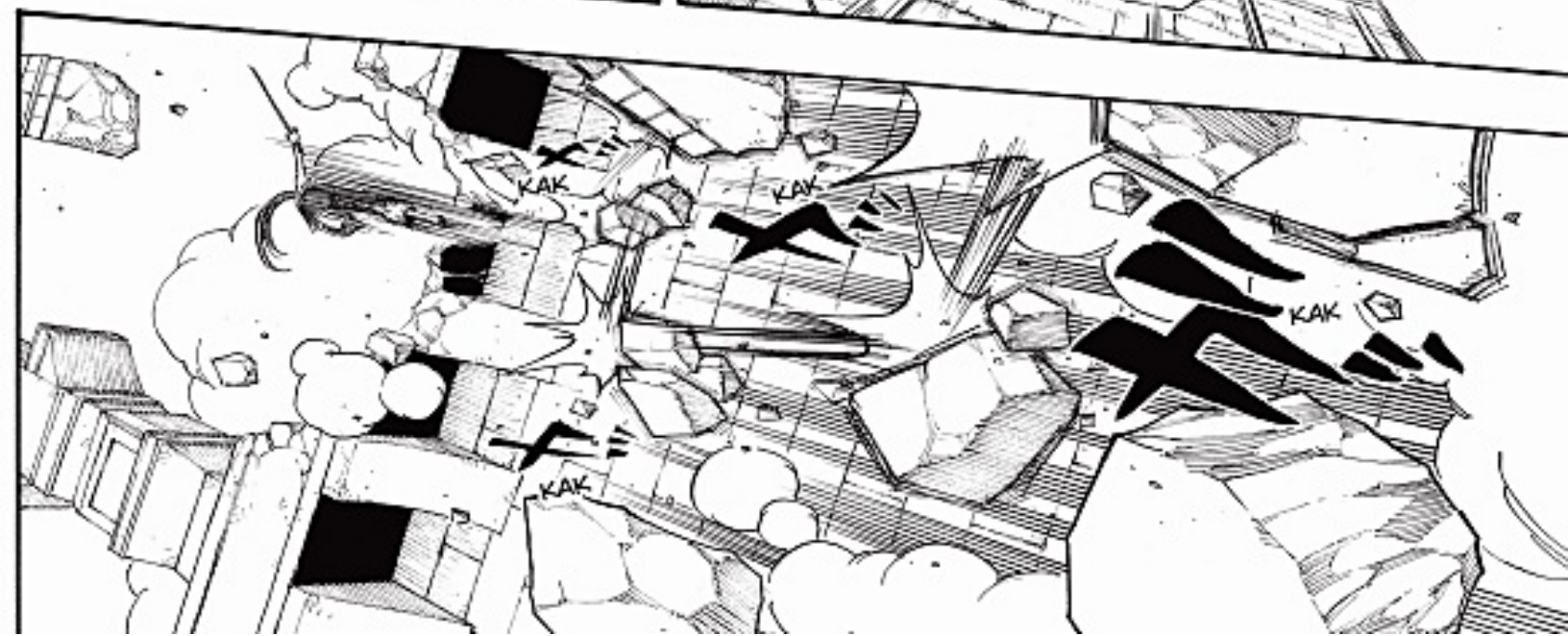
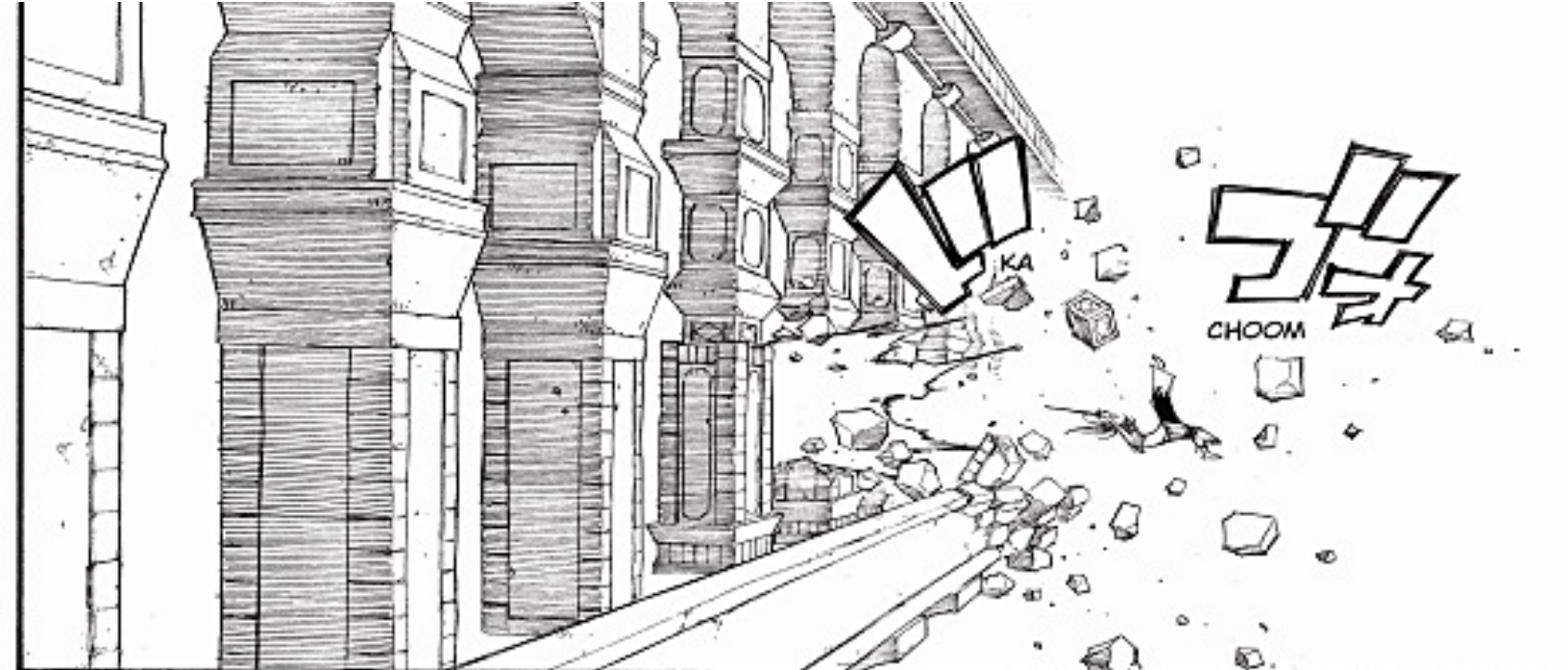
In seven
minutes,
Etherion
will fall.

Even if
Etherion falls,
my only desire
is to guide
you to the
afterlife!



There is
no fear
left in me
right now.



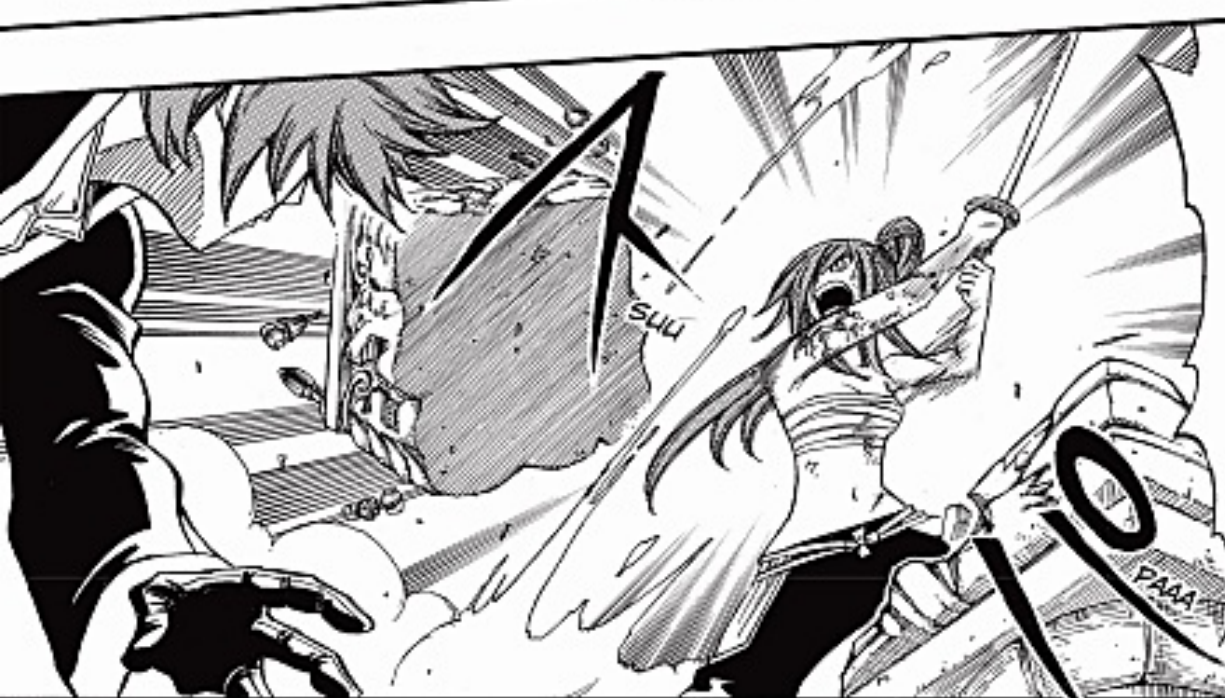




A pillar or two comes out to nothing more than decoration!



Don't you care that you're destroying the very tower you yourself built?!



Shô and the others spent eight years building these "decorations" of yours because they trusted you!!!!



What's important here is the R-System!!

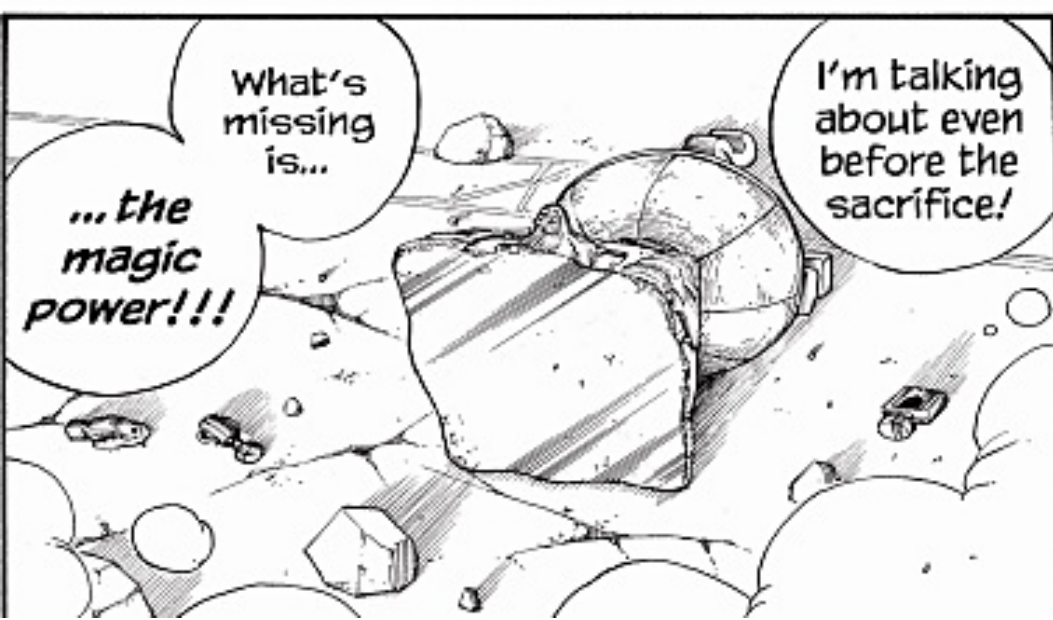
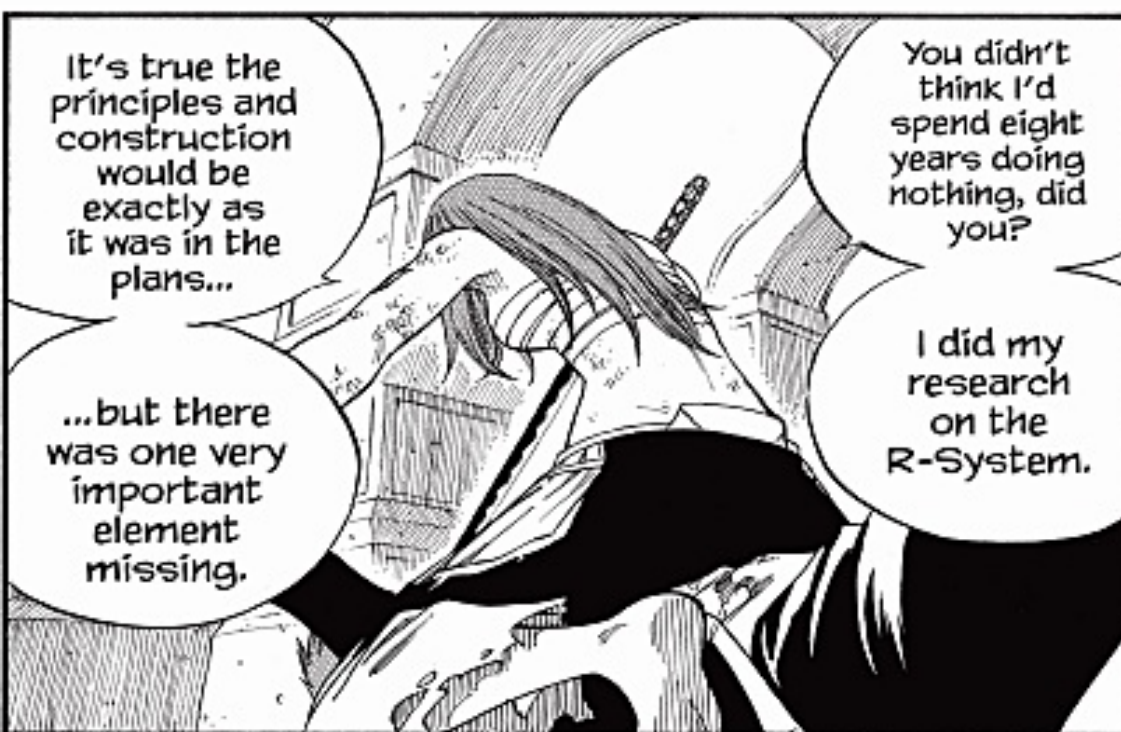
That's what we spent eight years building!!



Quit taking everything I say as your opportunity to lecture me!!









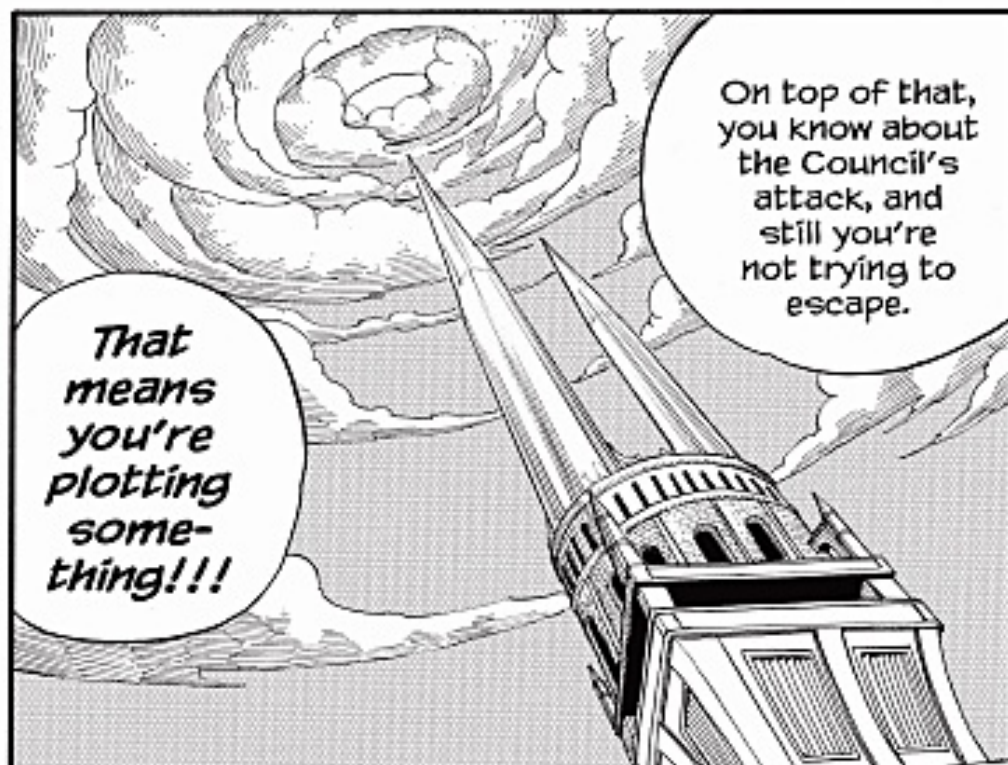
You could gather every wizard on the continent, and still not be sure you'd have power on that scale.

To power such an enormous magical device...

...you will need more than 270 million edea of magic power!!



Not only could one person not do it, but this tower doesn't even have the capacity to store up that much power.



That means you're plotting something!!!

On top of that, you know about the Council's attack, and still you're not trying to escape.



So is
it your
desire
to die
here
and
now?!!!

Jellal!!!
Your
dream
ended
a long
time
ago!!!!



Three
minutes until
Etherion...



I'm going
to hold you
down here
with my own
hands until
the final
moment!!!!

If that's
it, then
we're
both
going
together
!!!!



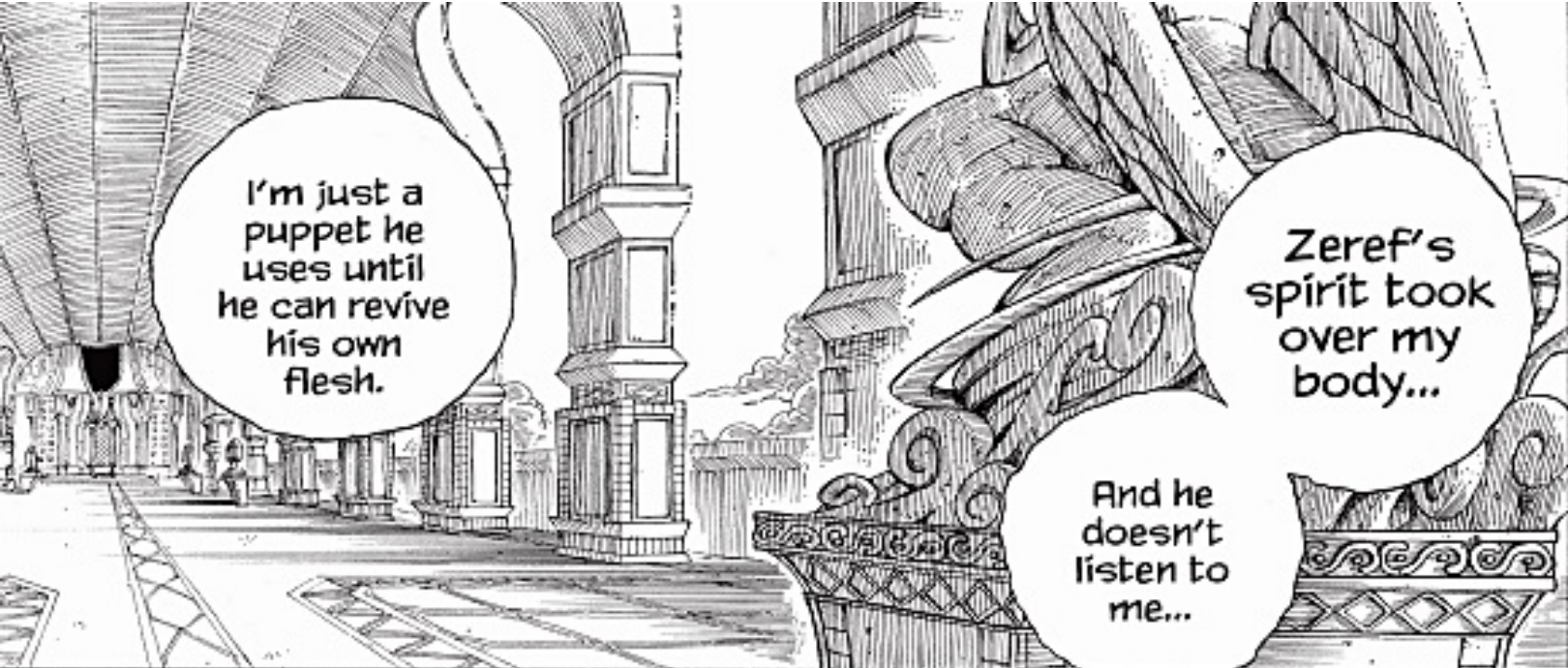
Urn...
Kli...

GSSH



That
isn't such
a bad
idea...

A-
All
right...



I'm just a puppet he uses until he can revive his own flesh.

Zeref's spirit took over my body...

And he doesn't listen to me...



I couldn't save myself...

I couldn't save any of my friends...



"Took over?"

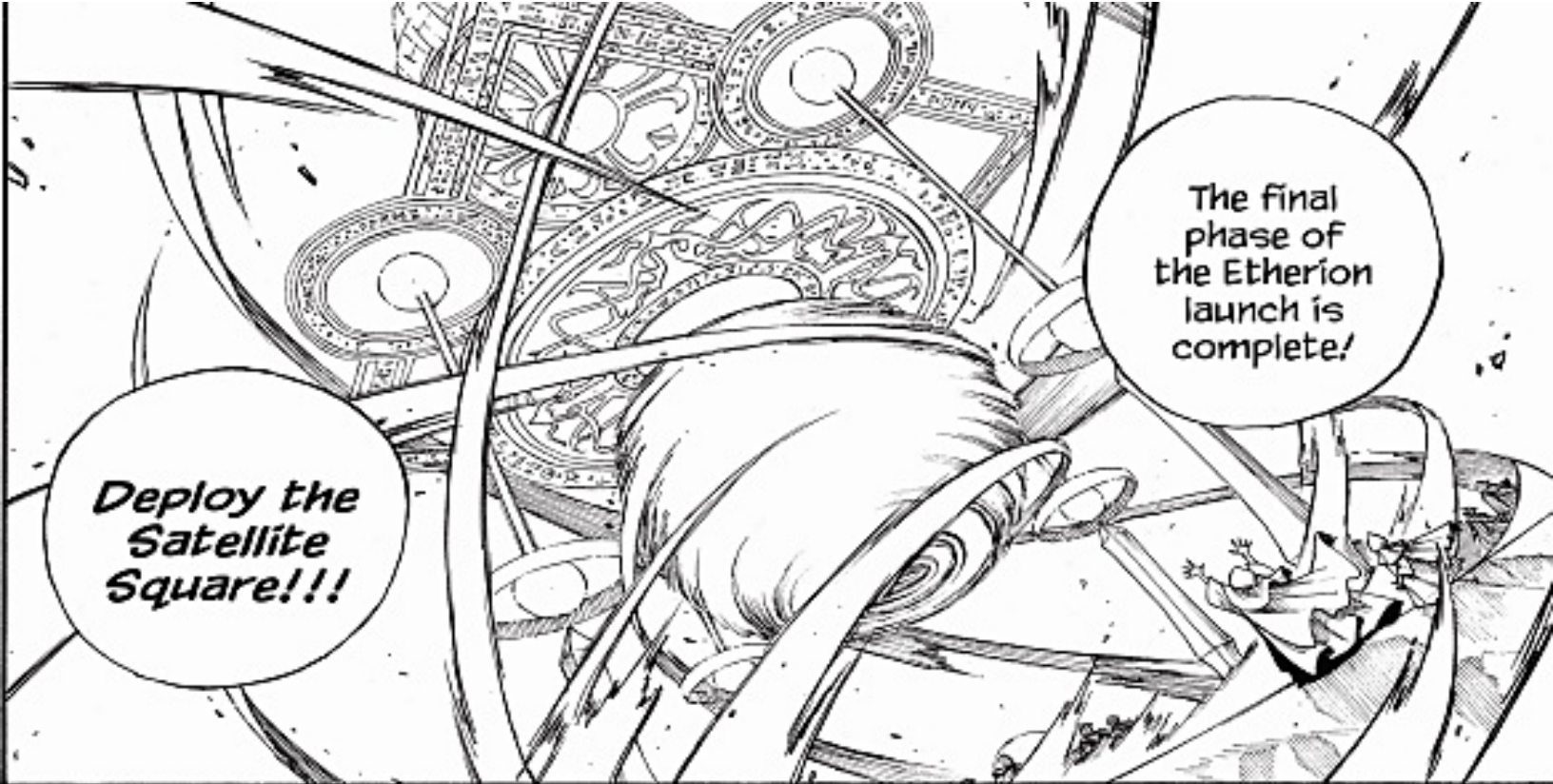


All of existence was finished before it ever even started.



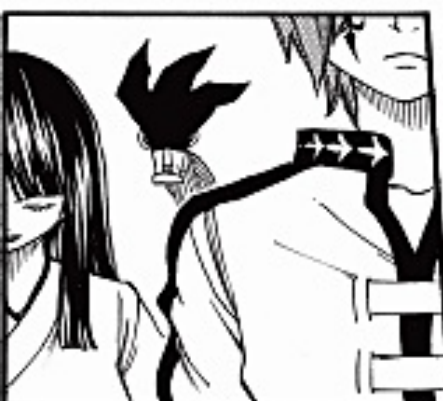
There is no heaven.

Look where you want, you'll never find freedom either.



**Deploy the
Satellite
Square!!!**

The final
phase of
the Etherion
launch is
complete!



Our
prayers
go with
it.



Our
prayers
go with
it.

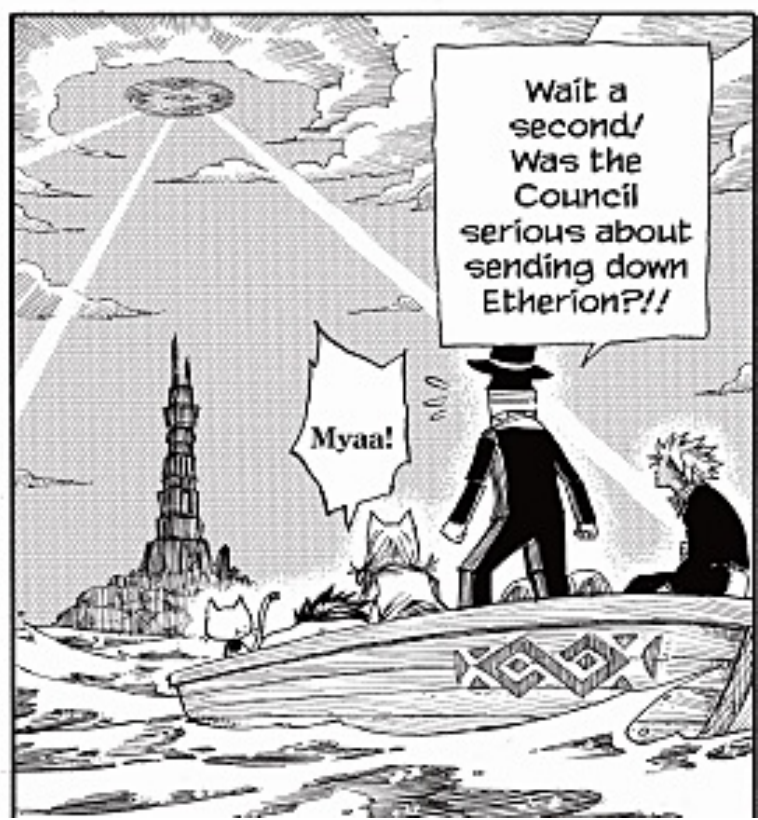
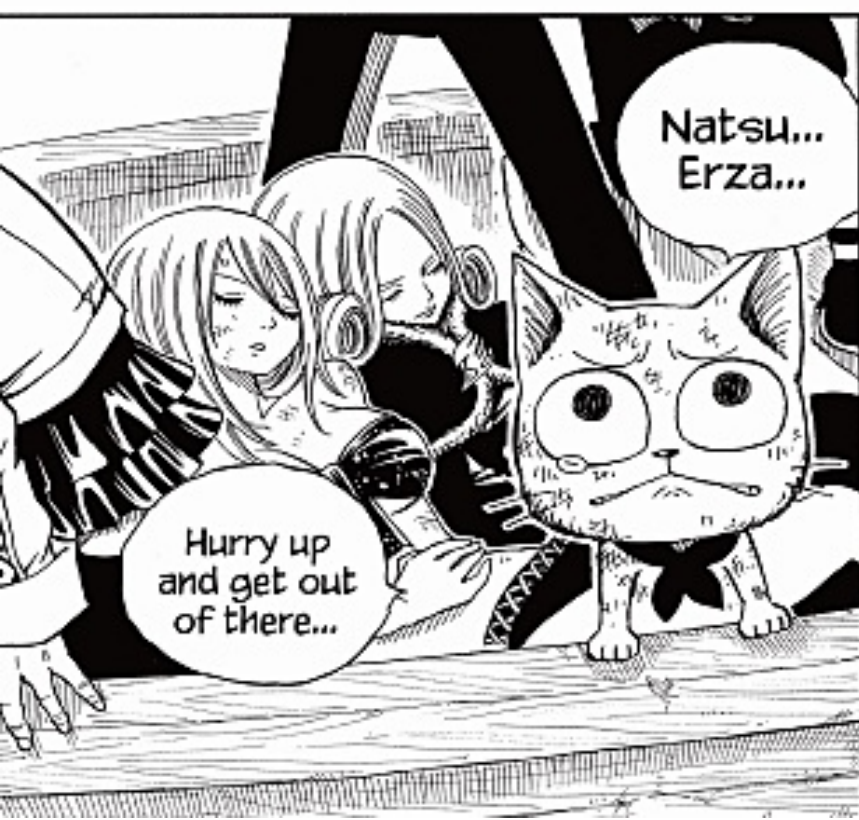
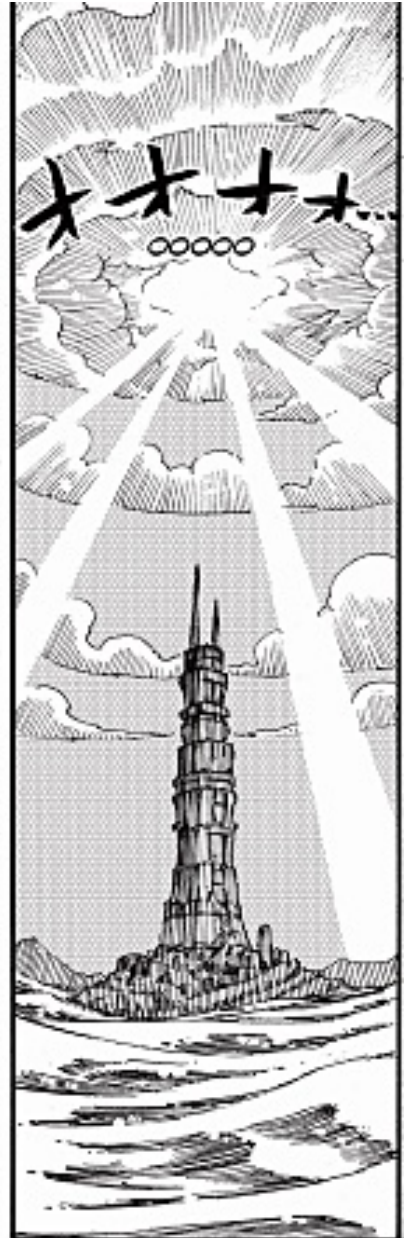
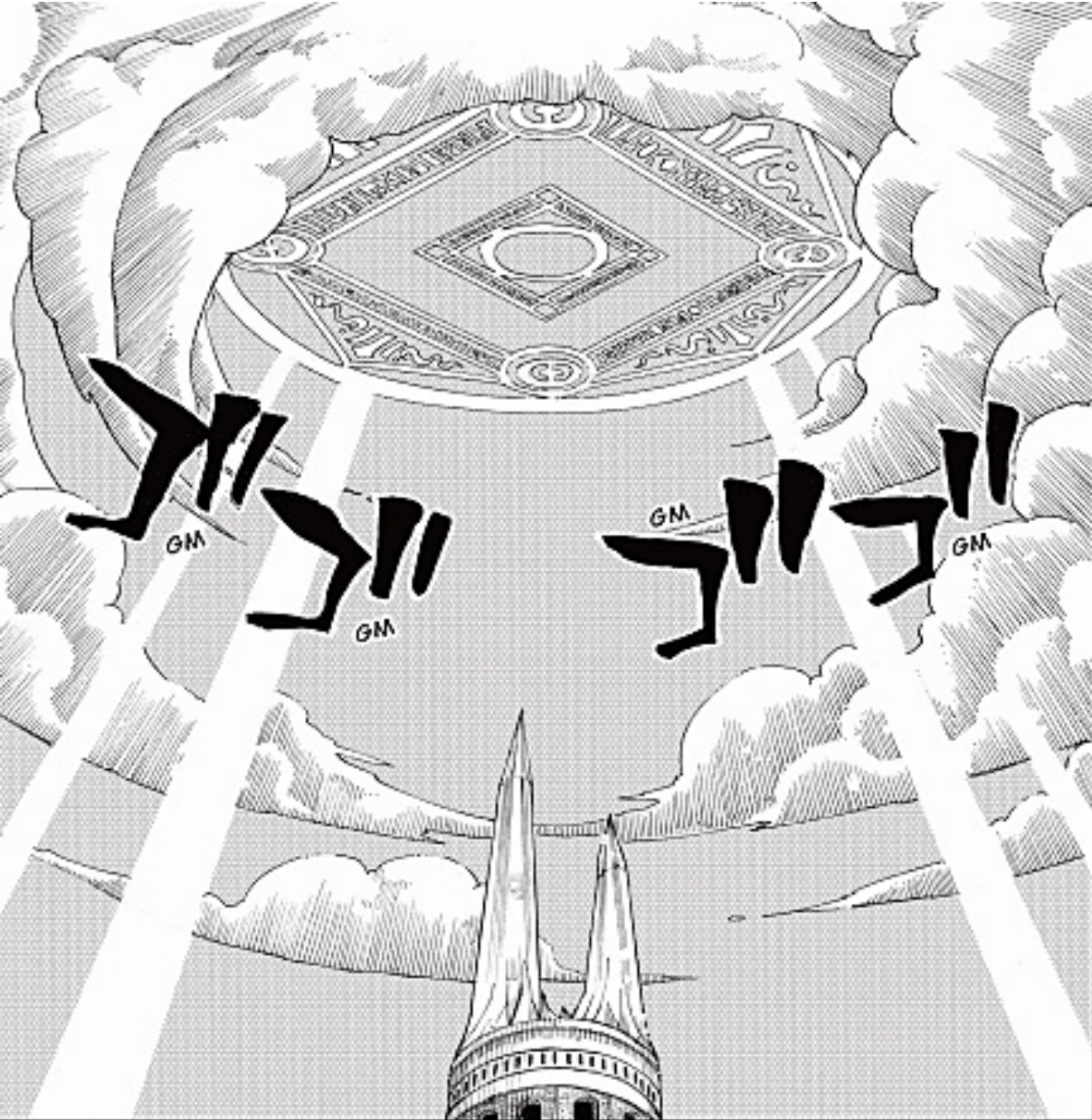


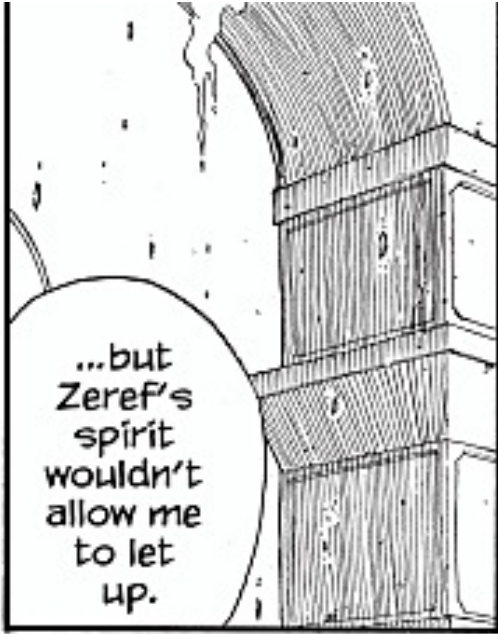
Our
prayers
go with
it.



Our
prayers
go with
it.







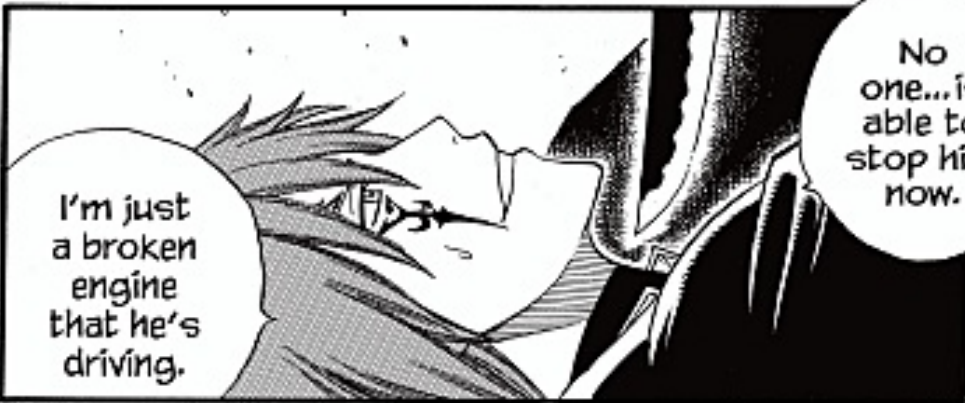
...but
Zeref's
spirit
wouldn't
allow me
to let
up.



There's no
way I could
have been able
to finish the
R-System...



Erza...



I'm just
a broken
engine
that he's
driving.

No
one...is
able to
stop him
now.

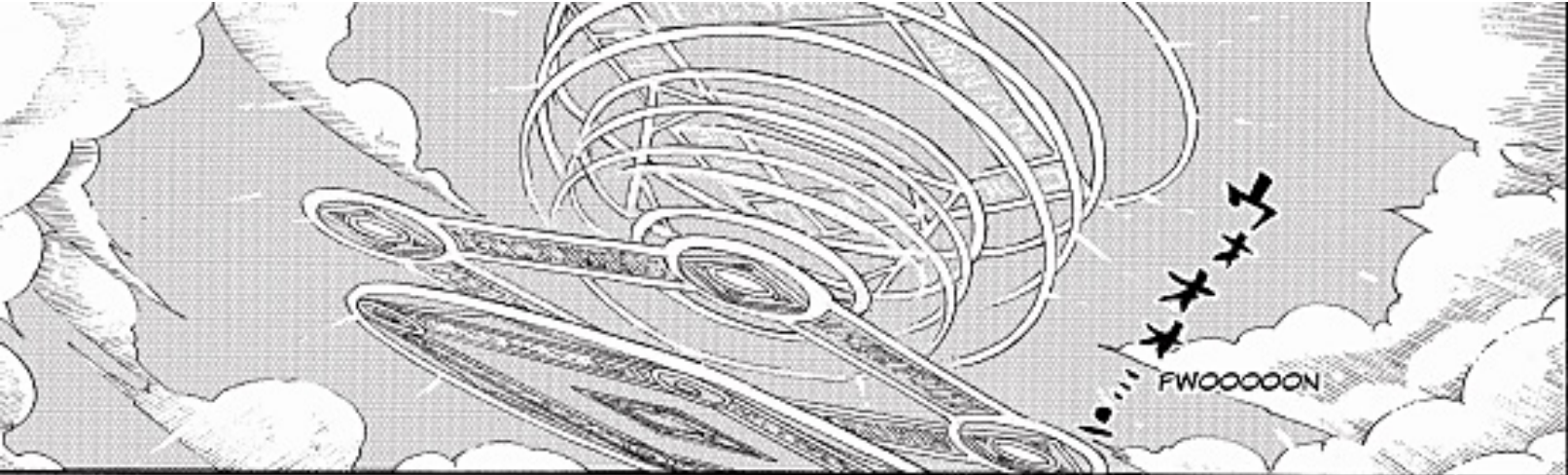


That's
why you
came
here,
isn't it?



**You
win.**

**Kill
me.**





There was
such a huge
divide between
my dream and
reality, my
heart couldn't
face it.

It's my
own fault.
I was
defeated
by my
weakness.



Erza...

...are
the ones
you call
your
friends.



The only
ones who
can save you
from your own
weaknesses and
insufficiencies...



I have...

...been
saved.



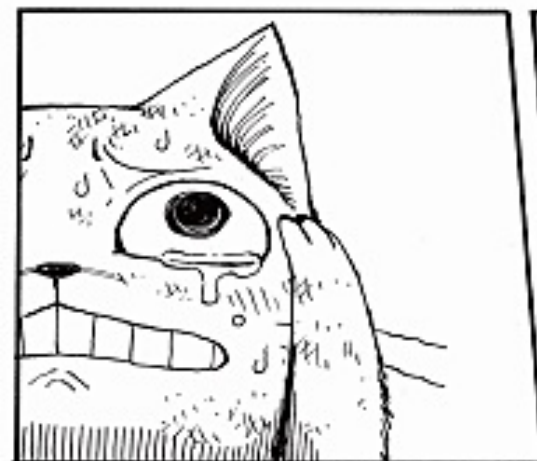
Now, I'll
pay for the
crime of not
being able to
save you.



*We
pray
to the
sacred
light!!!!*

*Release
Etherion
!!!!*



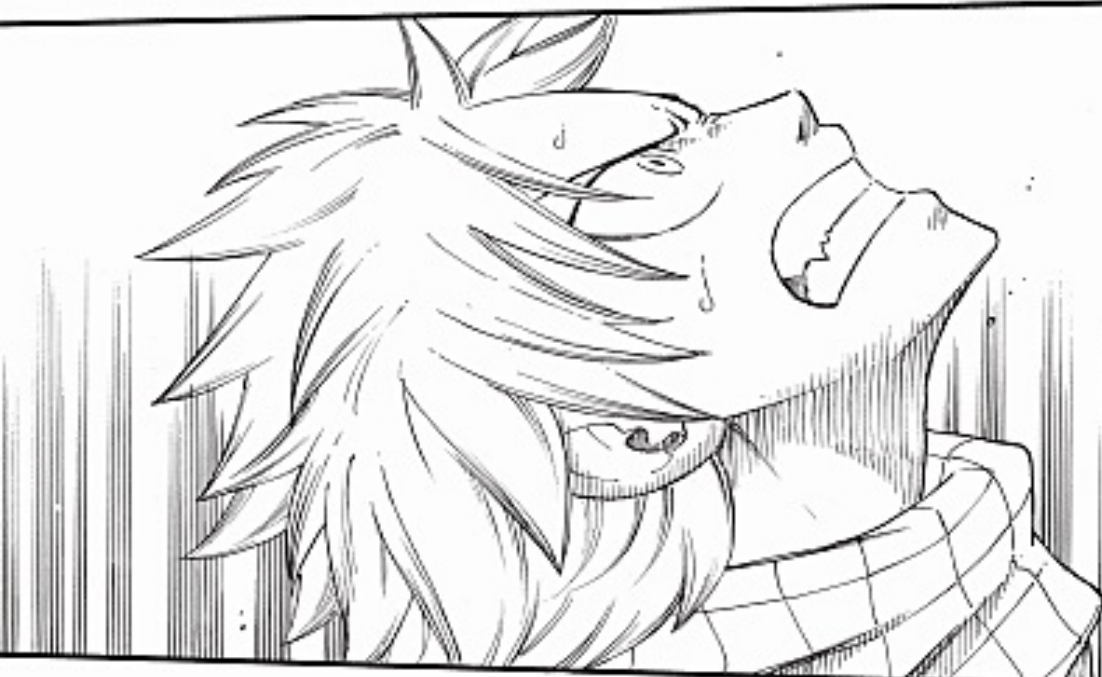




We
weren't
in
time...

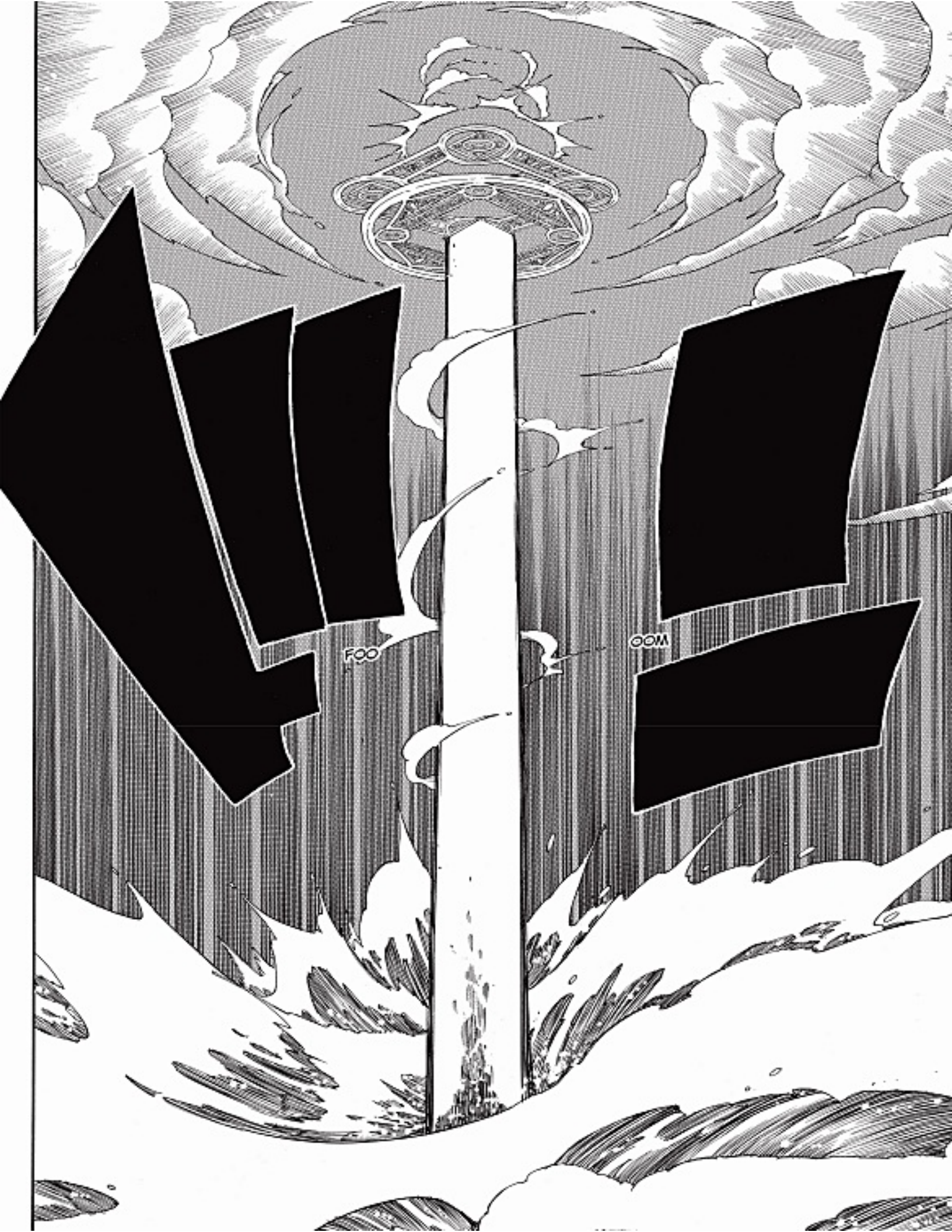


This
light...



**Erza
!!!**





FOO

OOM

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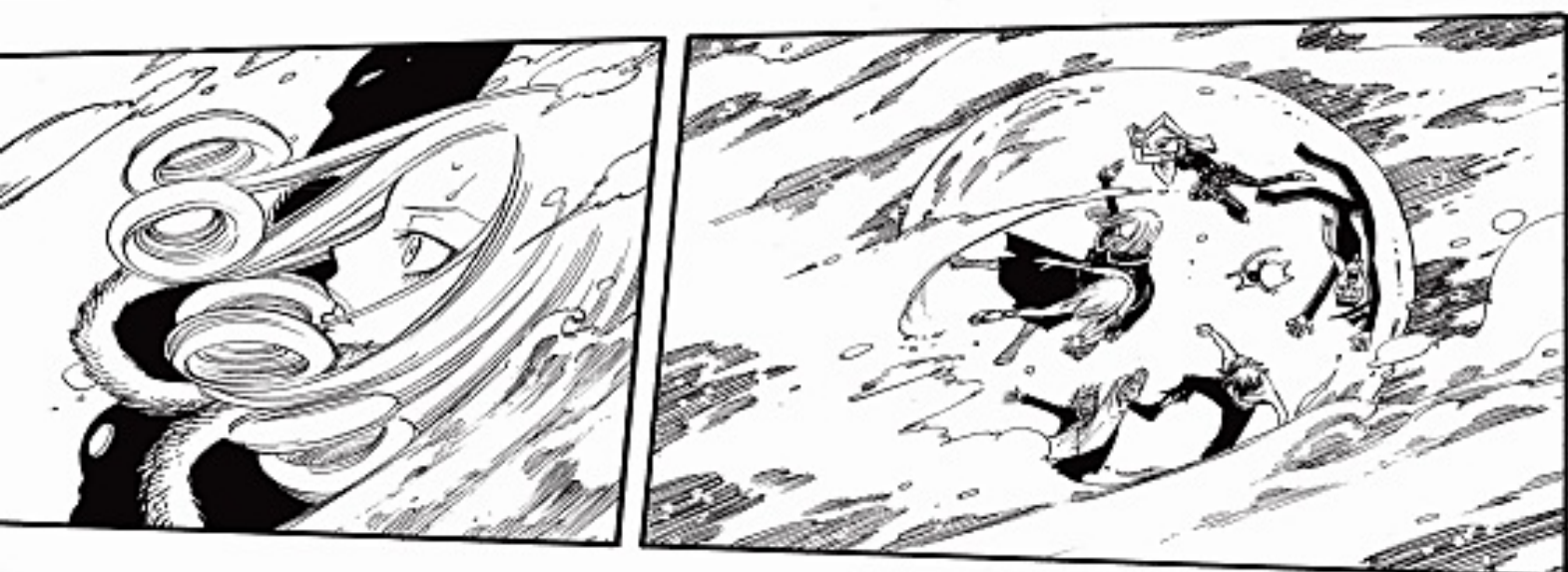


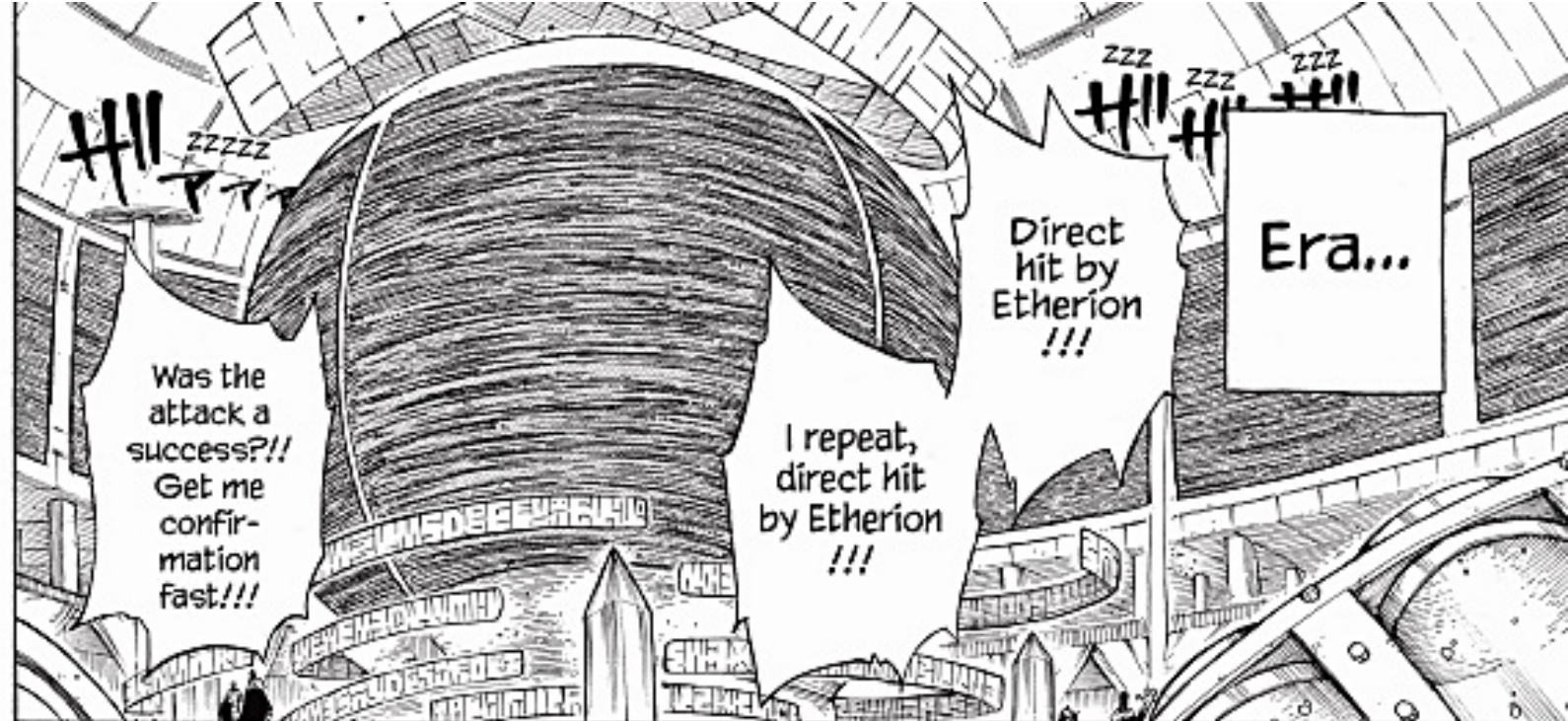




Chapter 94: One Person







Was the
attack a
success?!!
Get me
confir-
mation
fast!!!

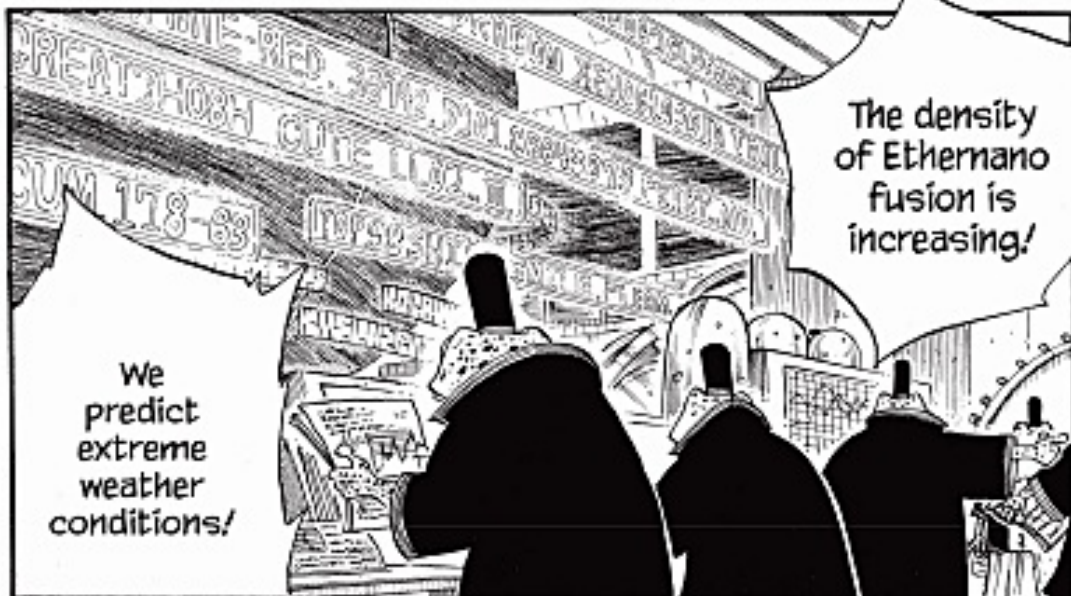
Direct
hit by
Etherion
!!!

I repeat,
direct hit
by Etherion
!!!

Era...



We
predict
extreme
weather
conditions!



The density
of Ethernano
fusion is
increasing!



It's
impossible to
avoid a few
sacrifices
when we need
to stop
that.

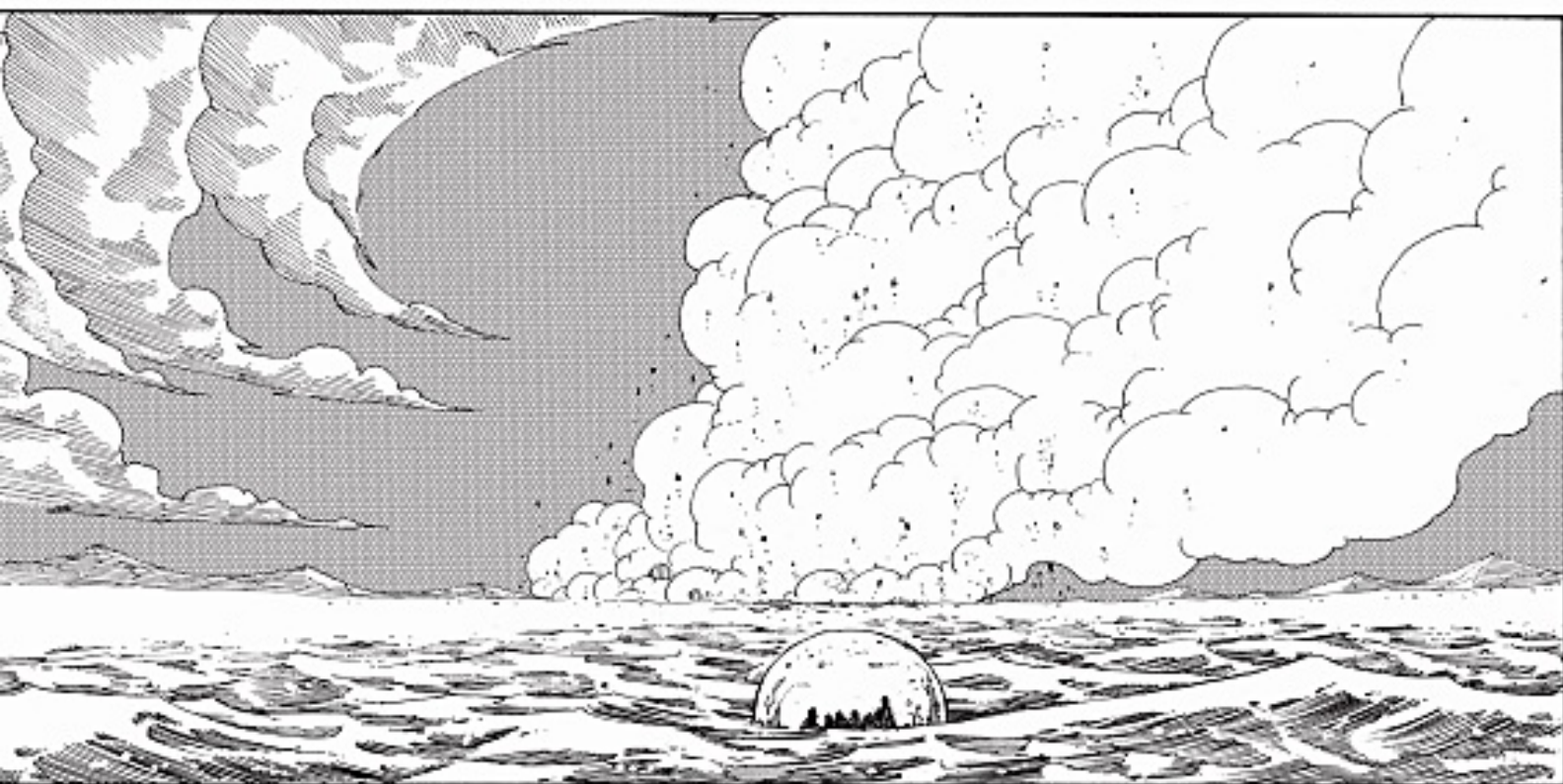
They were
organized
with the
purpose of
reviving
Zeref.



I wonder
how many
people were
in that
tower.

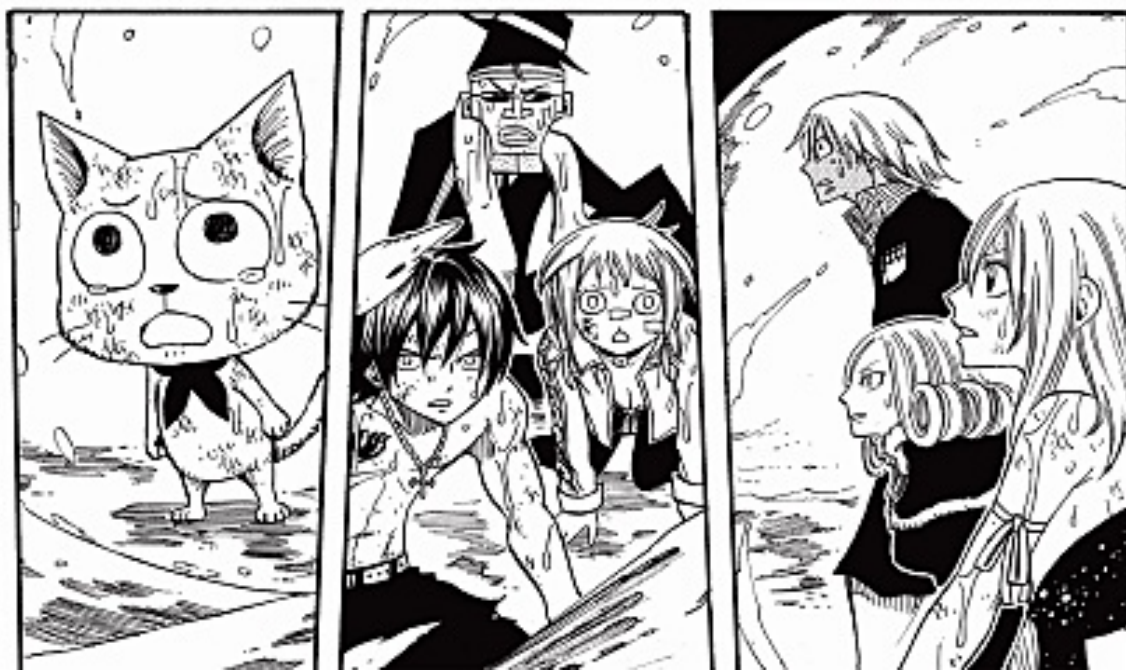
...that
won't
alleviate
the loss of
the families
of those
sacrificed.

What-
ever our
justifi-
cations...



Natsu...

Erza...



We're
alive...?

Huh
...?



Heh
heh...

Jellal?

I'm
switching
to
visual!!!

What
is
this?!!

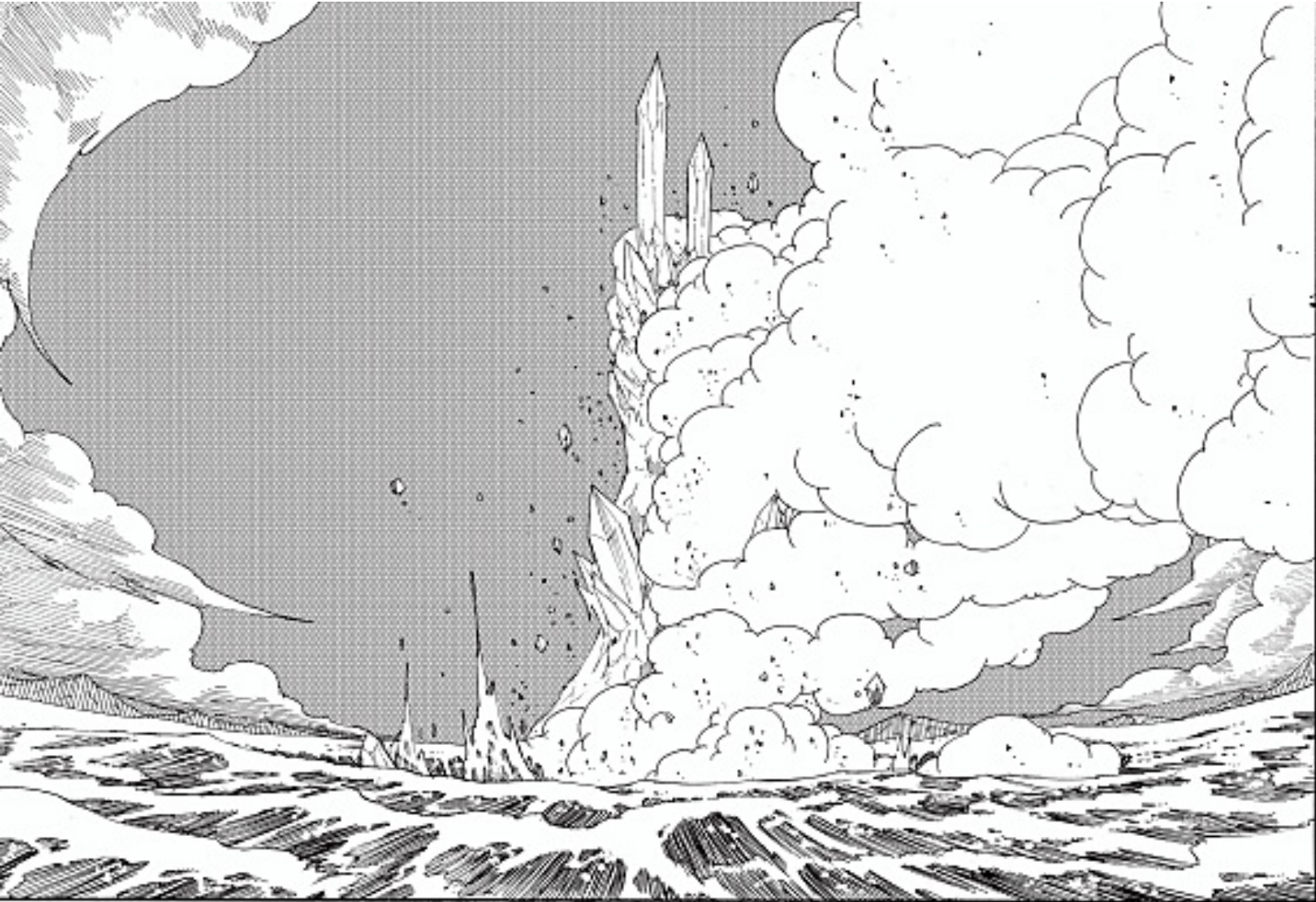
The
counter
can't keep
up with
it!!!

Some
high-level
magic has
begun to
deploy!!!

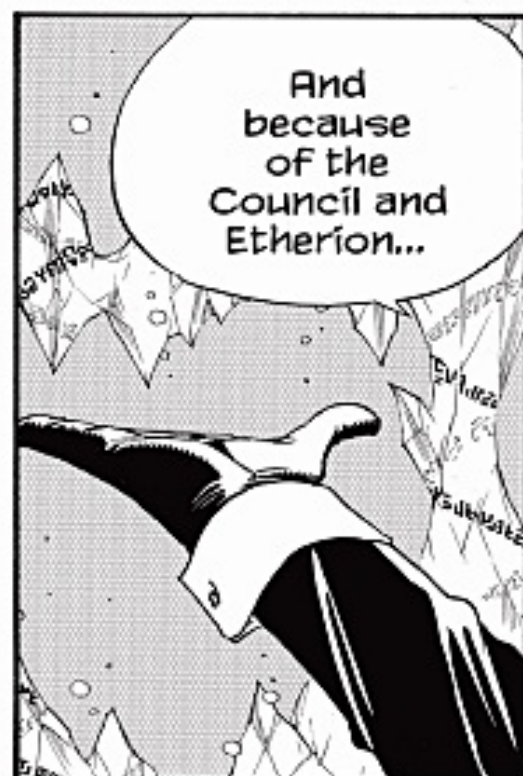
The fusion
density
is taking
a sudden
down-
turn!!!

N-No...
Wait a
minute...!!!

There was
something
neutralizing
the Ether-
nano fusion
at the
center of
the target
area...







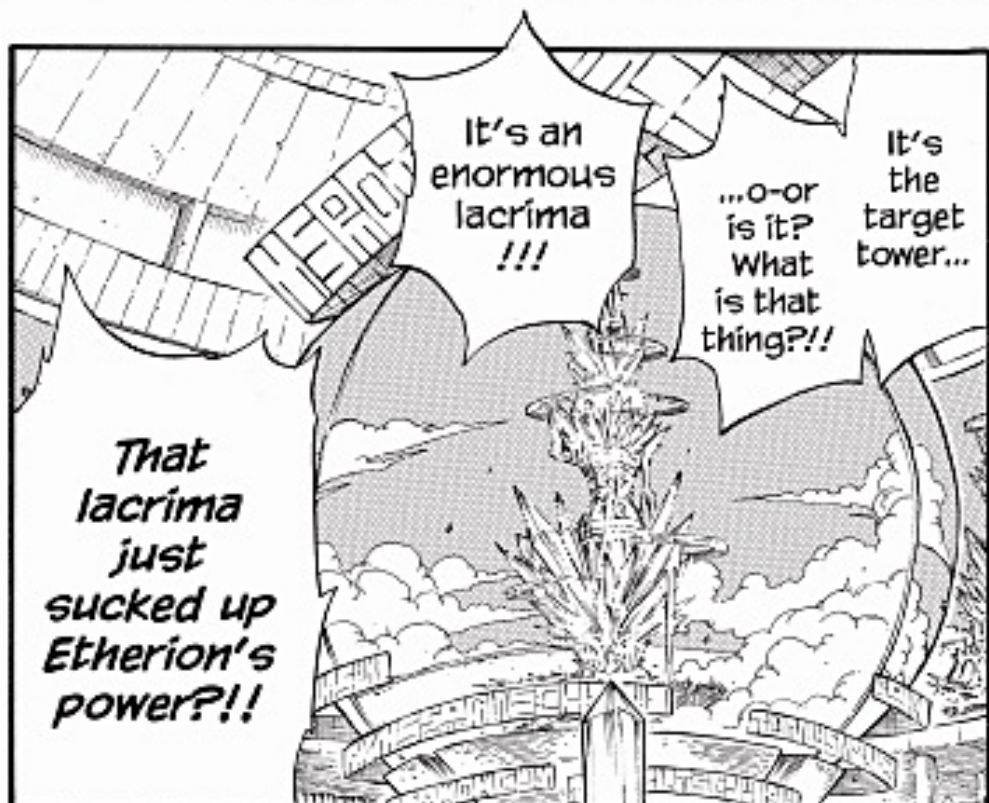


*... it has
successfully
sucked up
more than
270 million
edea of
magical
power!!!!*

*Now the
R-System
is fully
operational
!!!!*



**What
did
you
say?
!!**

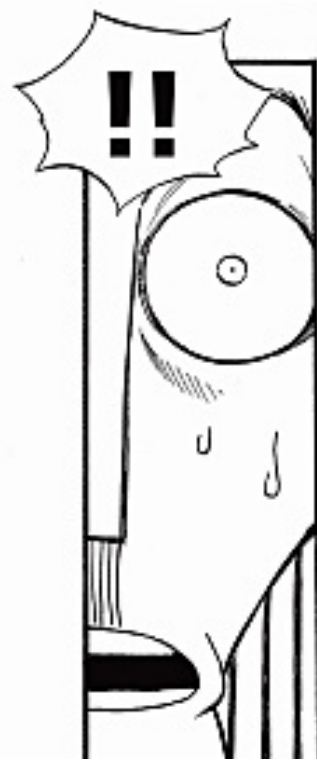


**It's an
enormous
lacrima
!!!**

**...o-or
is it?
What
is that
thing?!!**

**It's
the
target
tower...**

**That
lacrima
just
sucked
up
Etherion's
power?!!**



!!



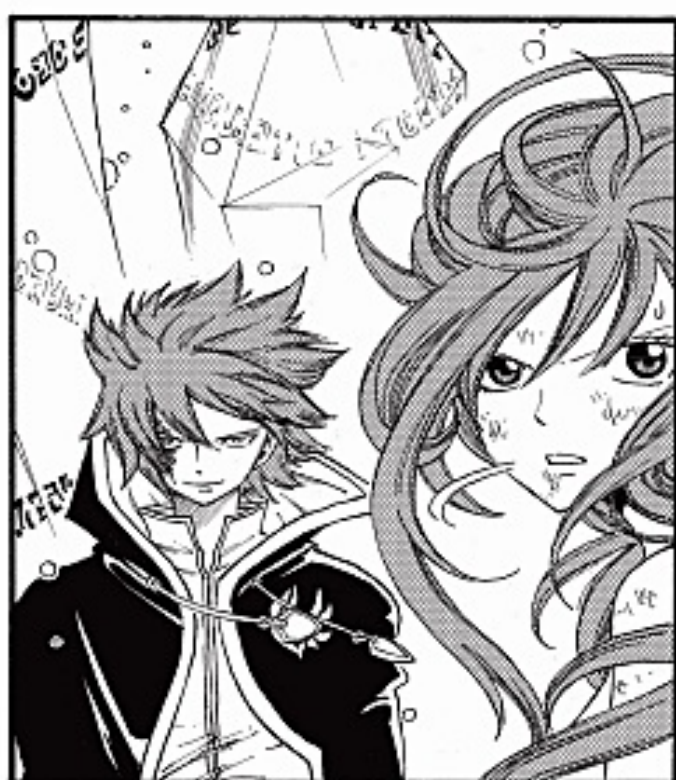
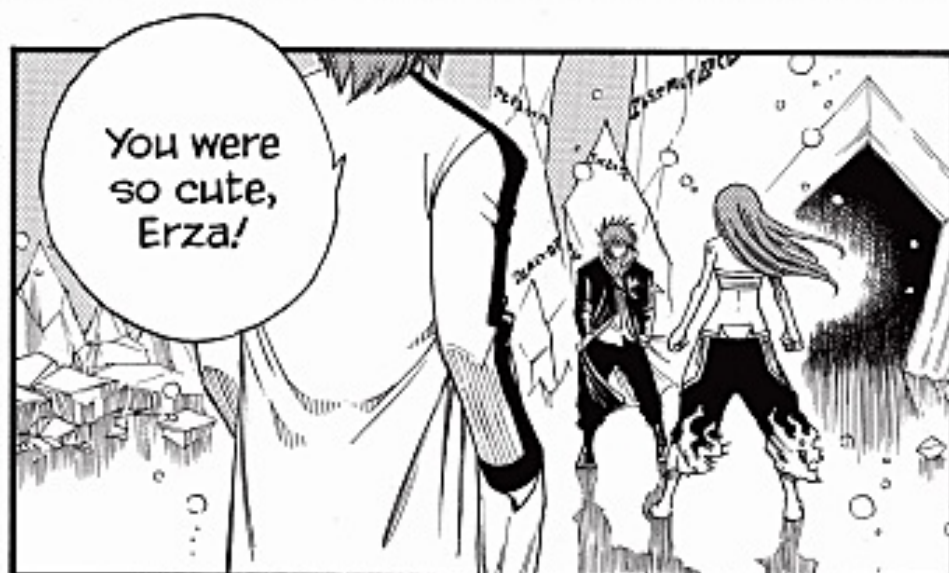
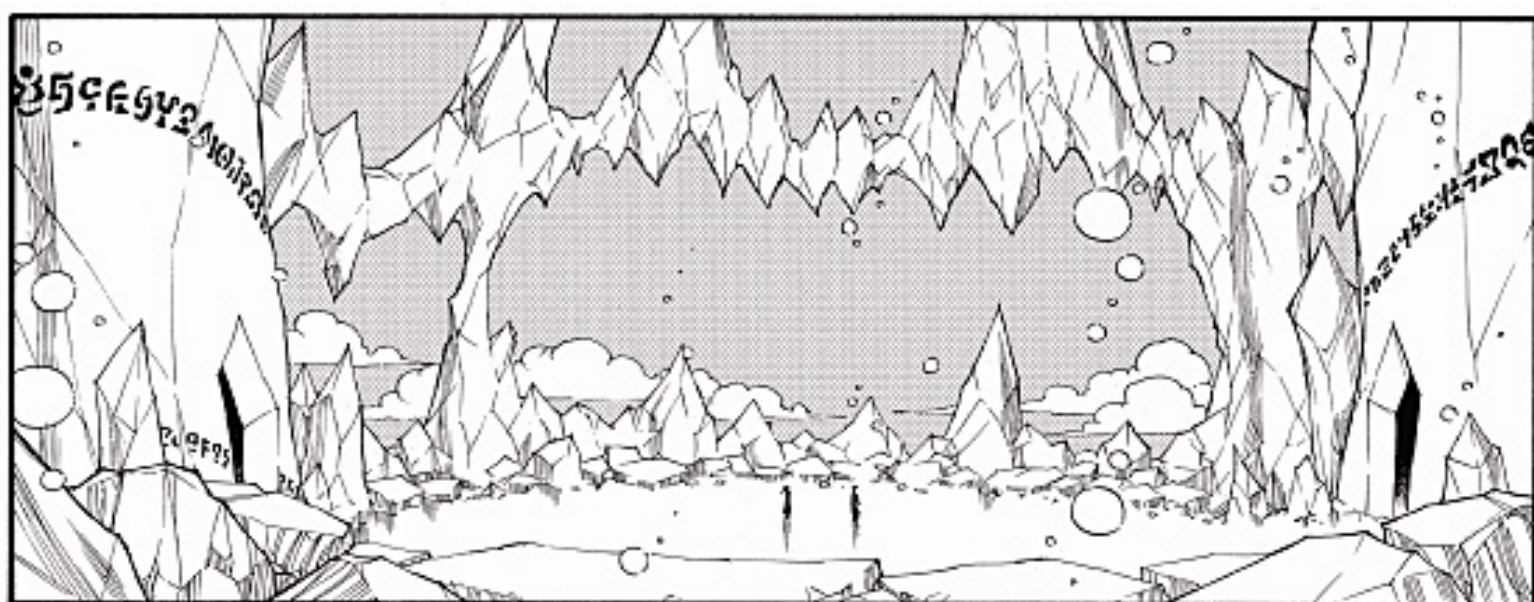
**Sieg!!!
What
is the
meaning
of this?!!**



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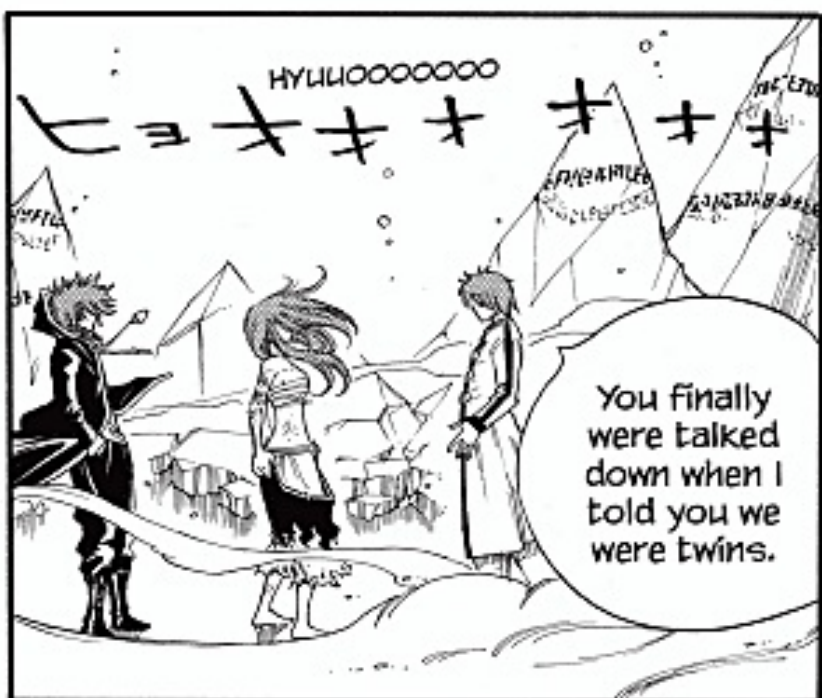


Jellal
couldn't
put forth
his true
strength.

He was
actually in
danger, so
the only thing
he could do
was trick
you.



Siegrain?!!



At the time I should have said something that would have convinced you that I was going to find Jellal and kill him.

Ah, yes. That was a mistake of mine.

Even worse... you were spying on me for him!!!

What did you expect?!! You spent all your time covering up what Jellal was doing rather than stopping him as a brother should!!!

So you two...were in collusion all along, huh?

There's nothing more painful than those excuses made up on the spot, is there?

But my biggest mistake was to encounter you at all, right after becoming a member of the Council.

"Collusion"? That isn't quite the right word.

He vanished...

Sieg... just disappeared!









*How much
of your
life has
been a
lie?!!!!*

Heh
heh...



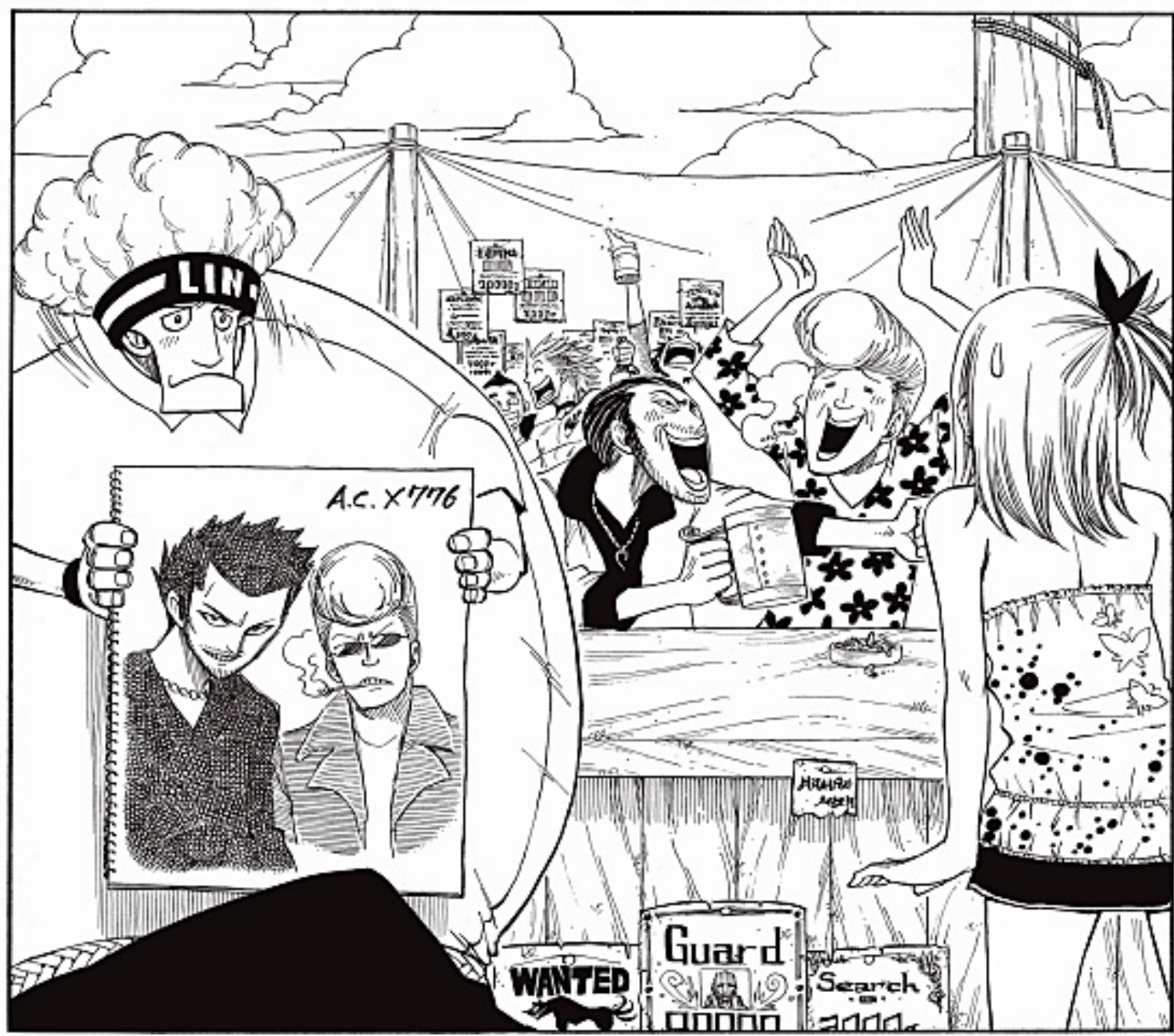
My
magic
power is
back within
me!!!

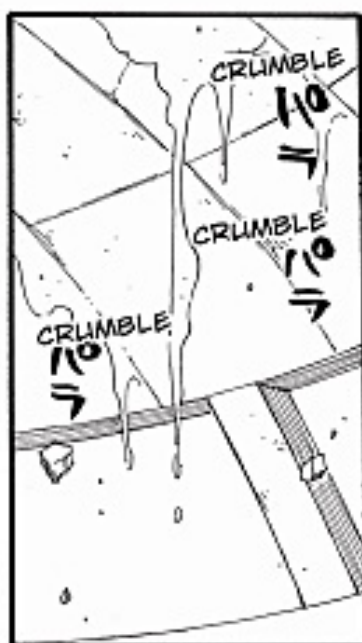
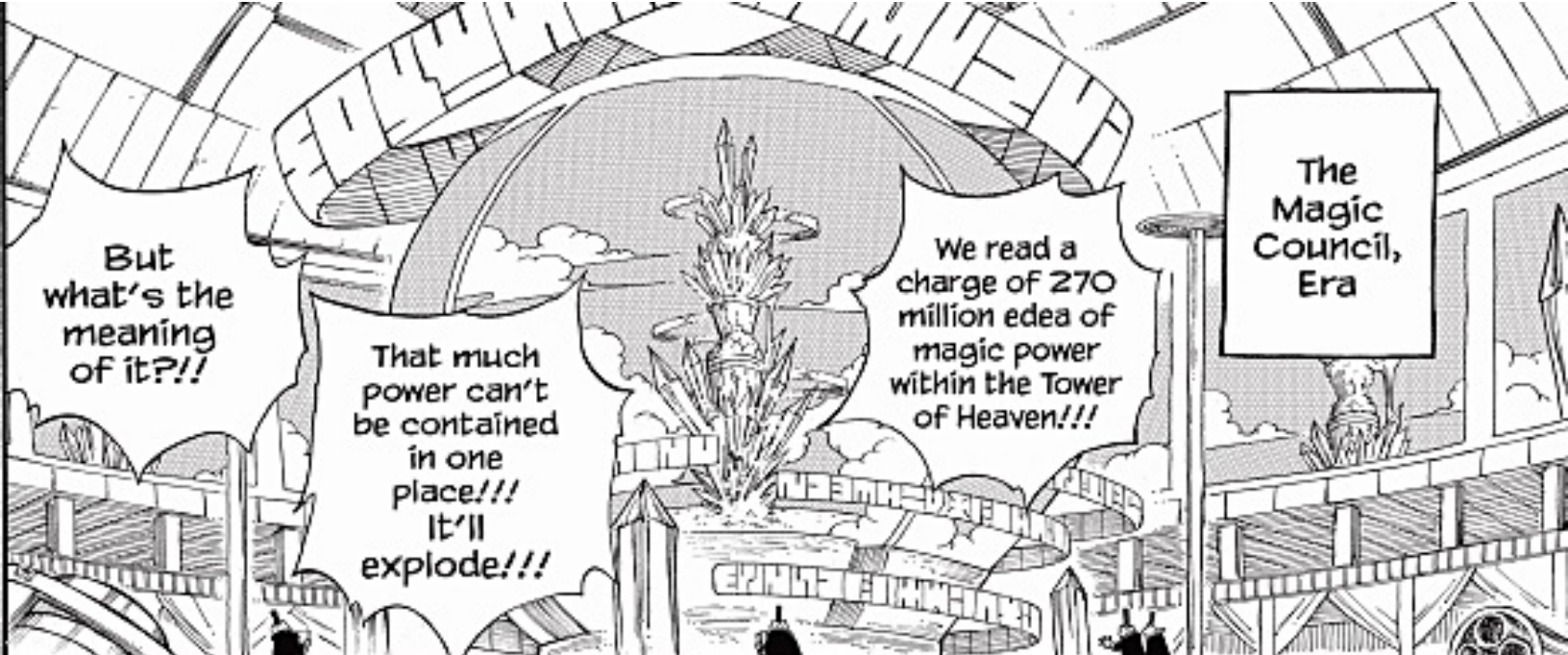
My
power...



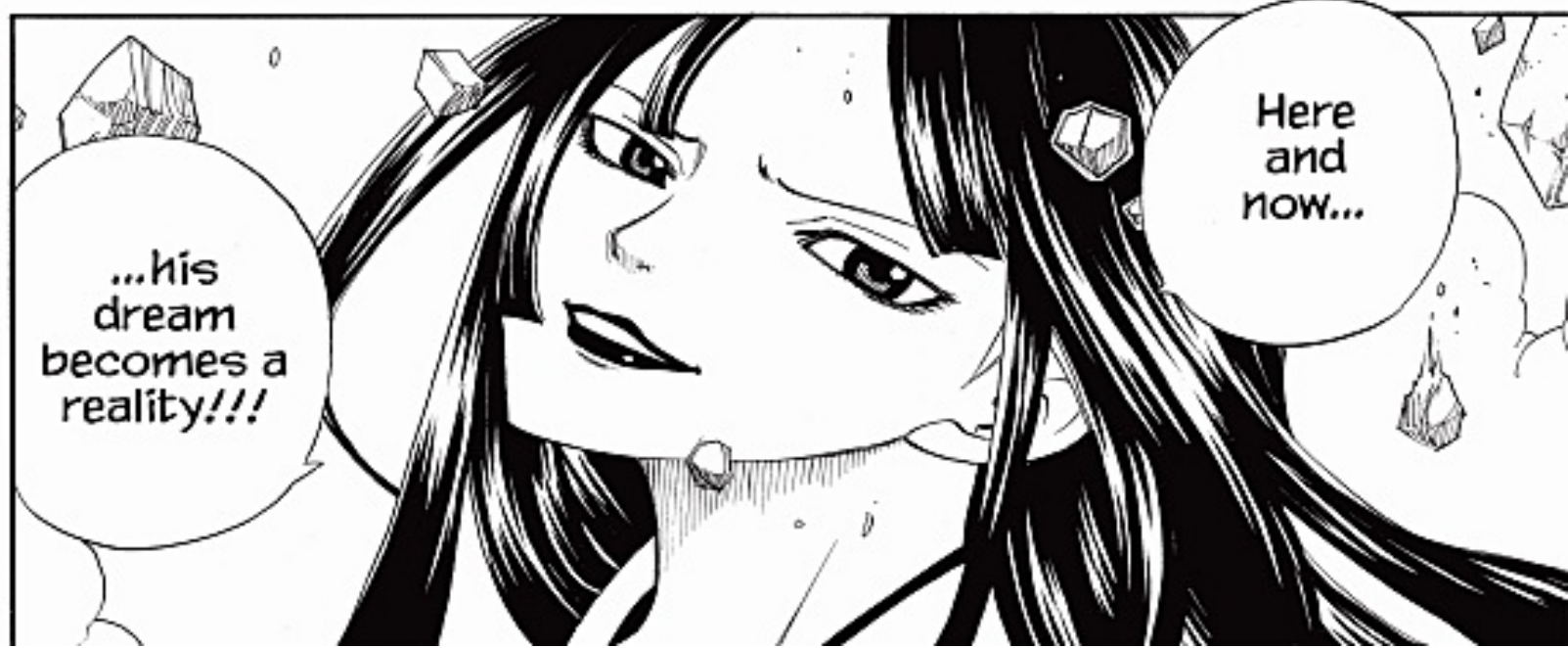
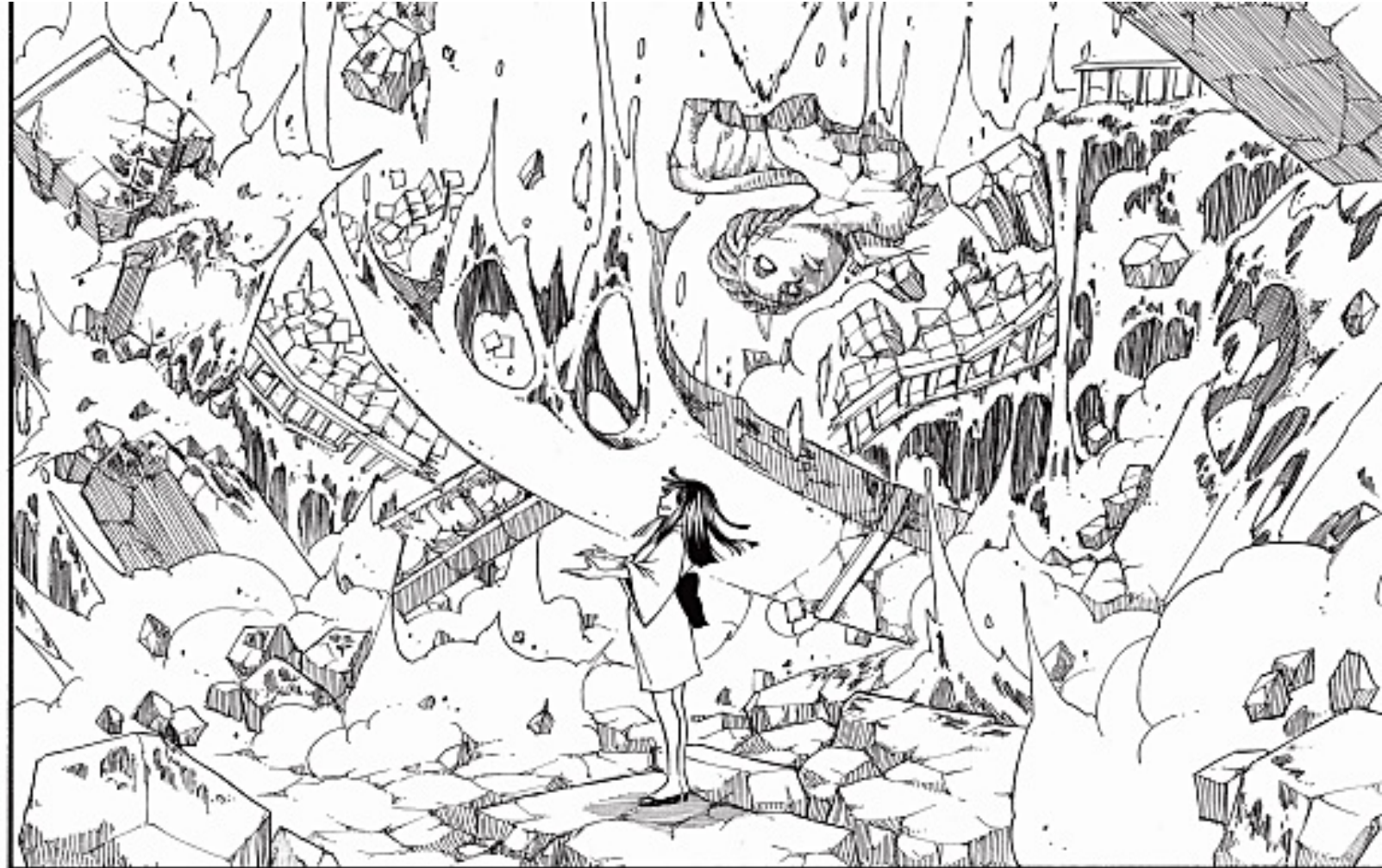
FAIRY TAIL

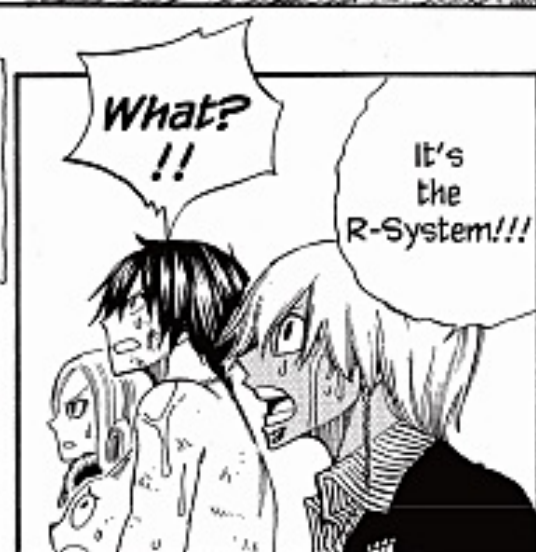
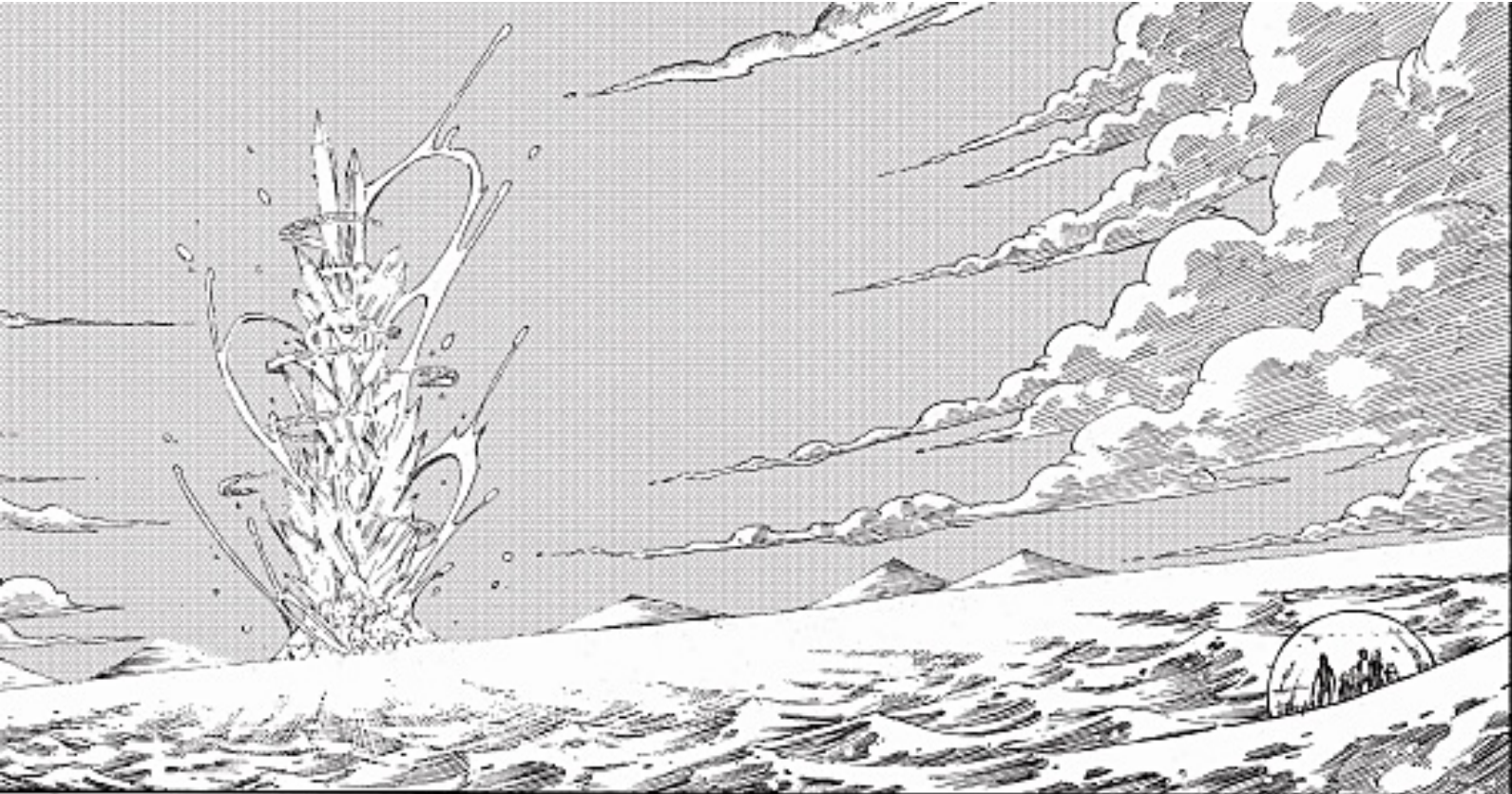
Chapter 95: Sleeping Beauty Warrior

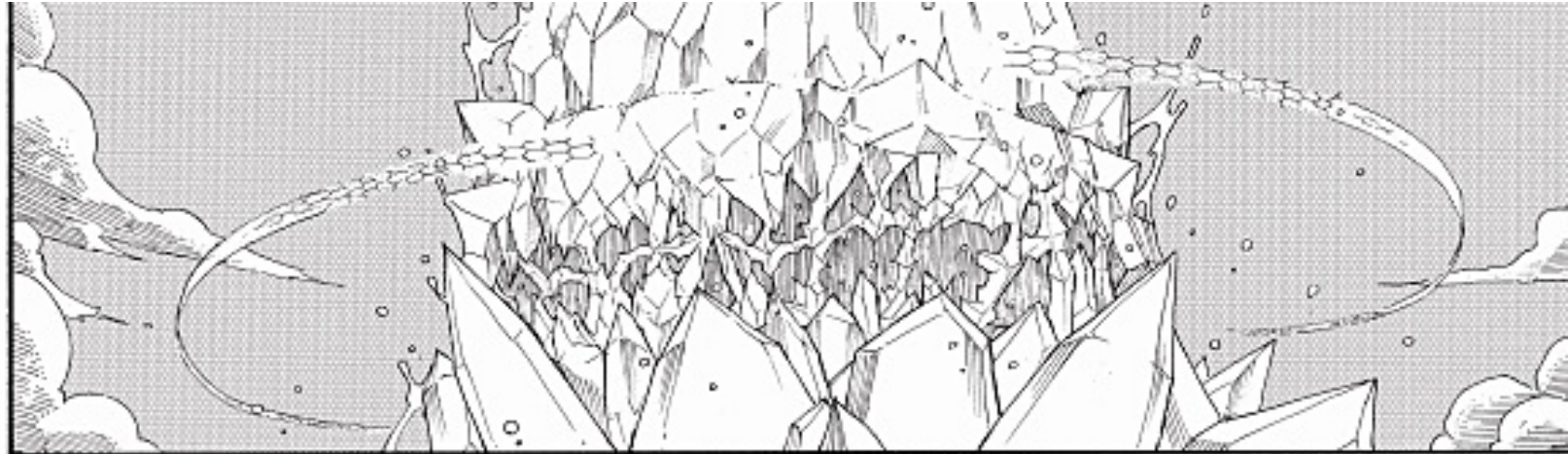








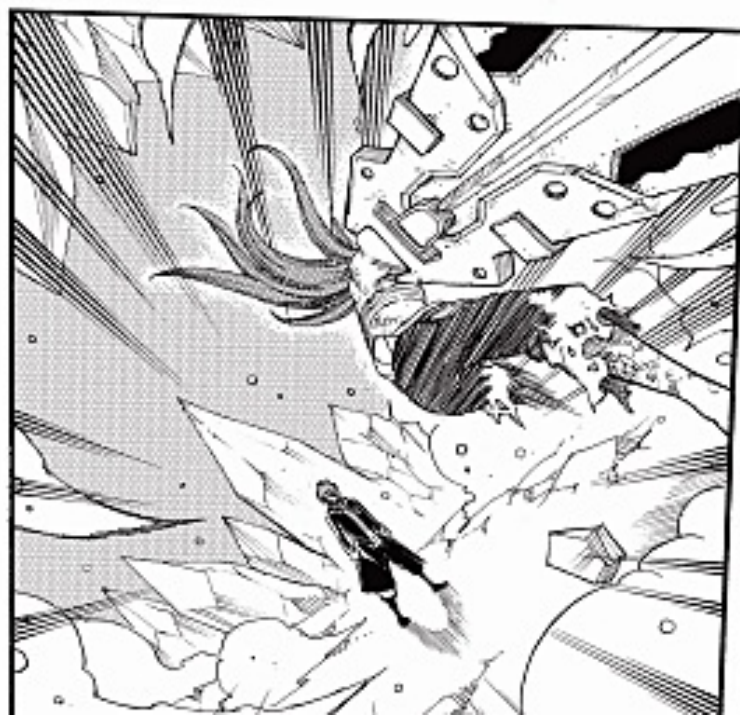
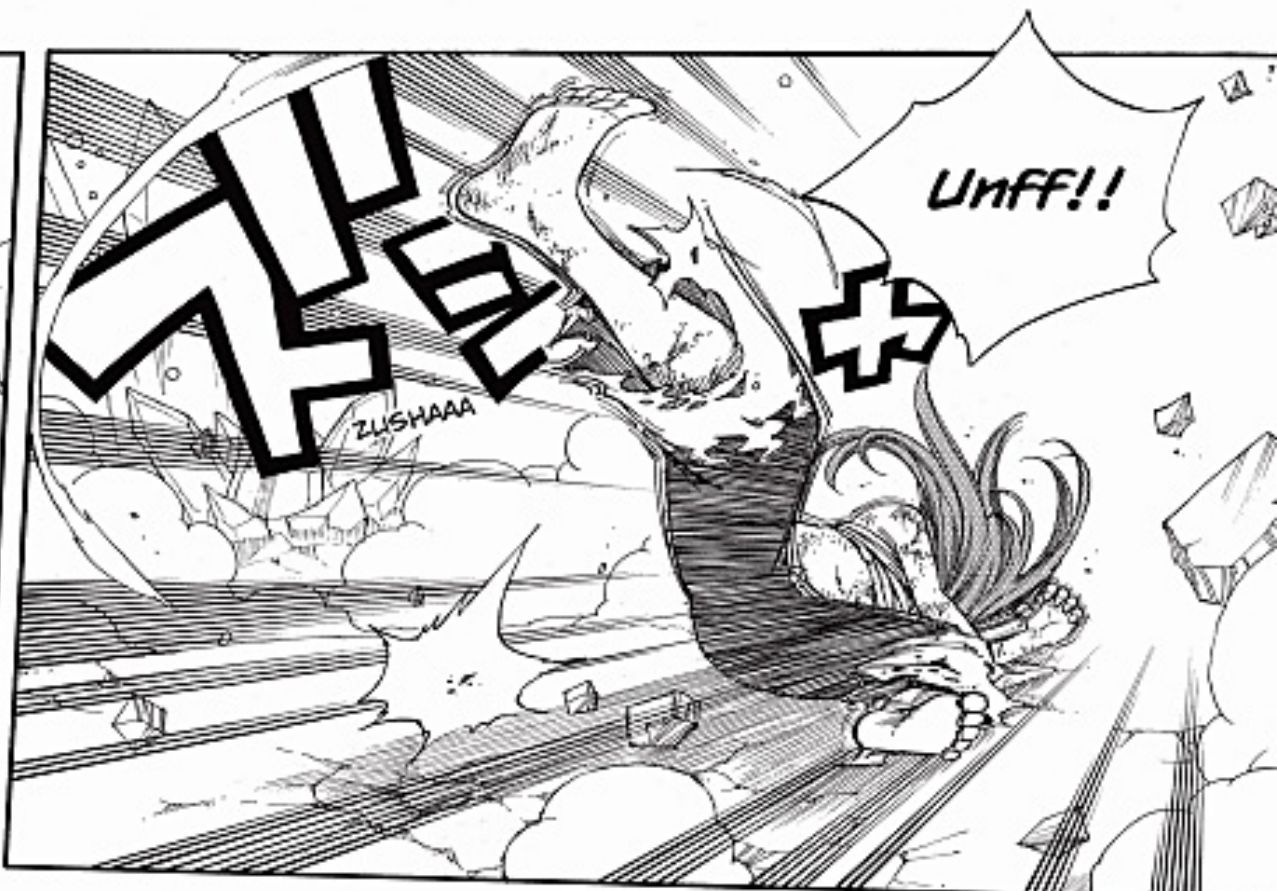




Where is that
might you
showed a little
while ago?



Did you use
up all your
magical power
fighting with
Ikaruga?



U
e
l
l
a
!!!!

I assume that
any action the
Council can take
now has been
neutralized.

I really
must do
my best
to thank
Ultear.

"...then
there is
nothing
to fear in
death."

She said,
"If the eyes
of Heaven
see all of
mankind
as one..."

She
really did
great
work for
me.



*I must
thank
providence
for
furnishing me
with stupid
women!!!*



Really!!



*... of
every
person
you've
used!!!!*

The best
thing for
you is to
die by the
curse...



A bind snake.
I placed it on
you when we
were hugging
so tenderly
back there.



GRN
GRN
GRN

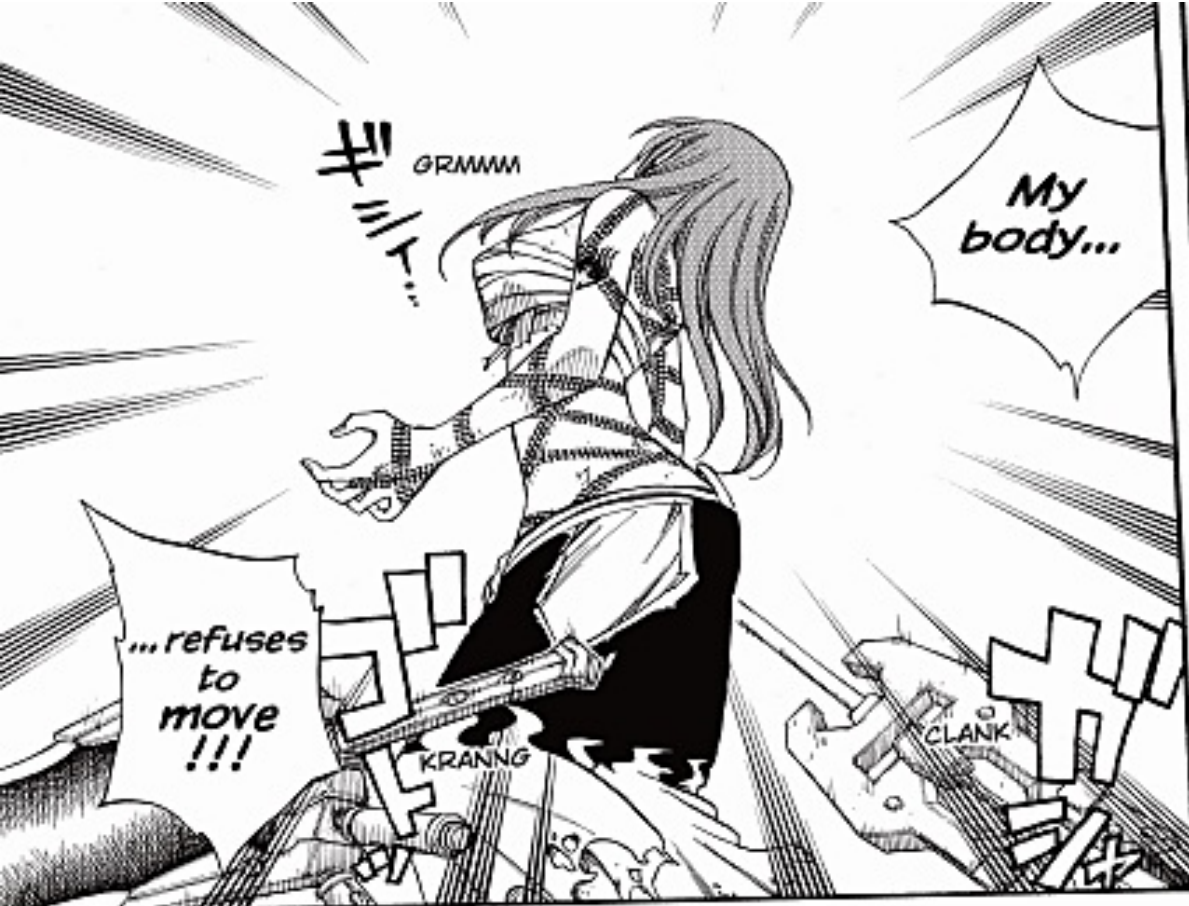
**Wh-What
is
that?!!**

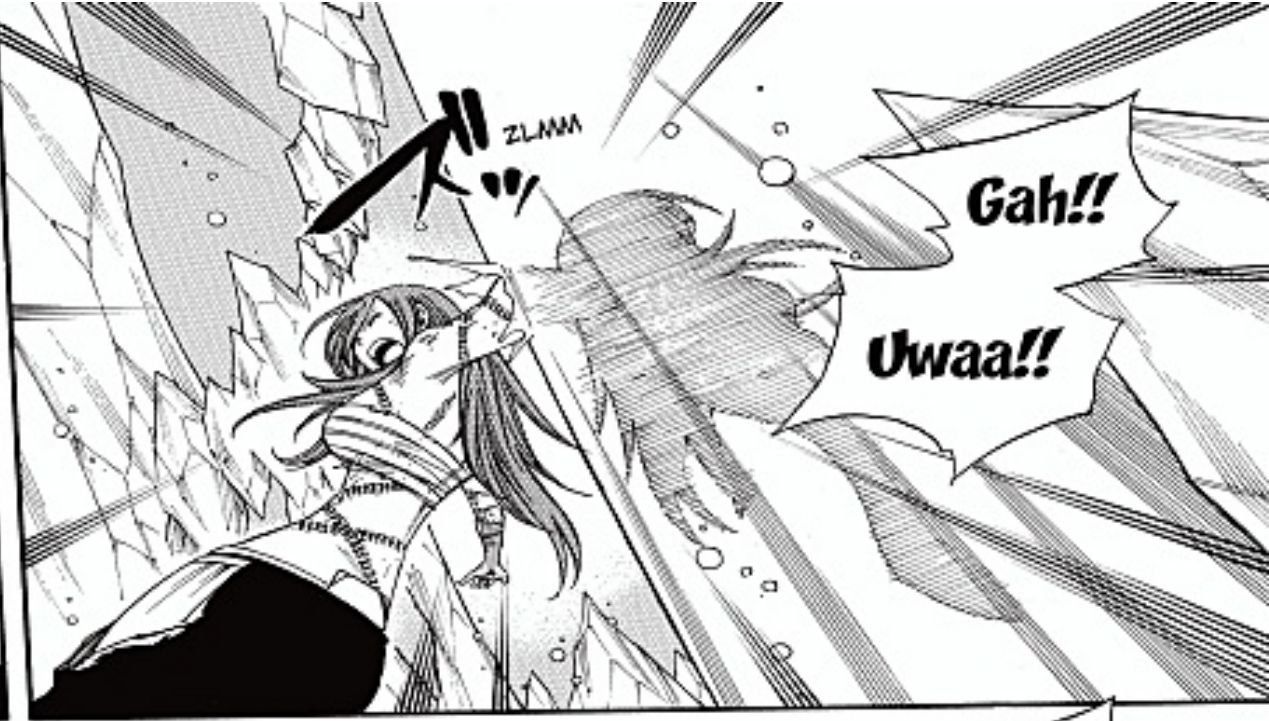


ZHAAN



!











*Erza is a
Fairy Tail
wizard!!!*

*I'm not
letting
you have
her!!!*



SSSS

Natsu...



If we
don't,
who'll pay
the rent?!

On Lucy's
place.

WHUMP

We have
to go back
and get
a paying
job!!

What're
you
doing
here?!





BLUP

Do
what I
say...

Please...



You're
saying that
if I don't
know, I
can't win?



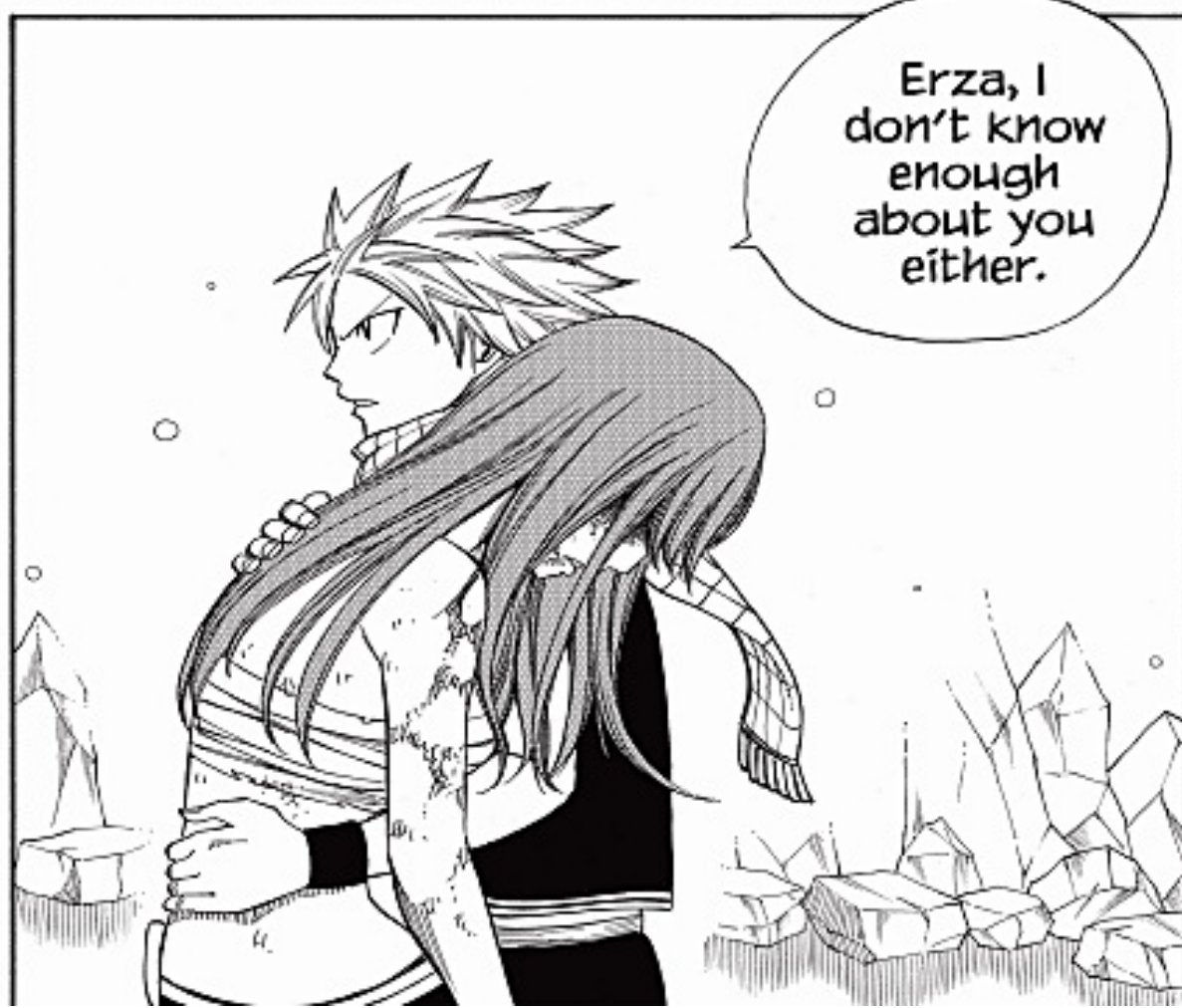
GWAAA!!

Wh-What
are
you...

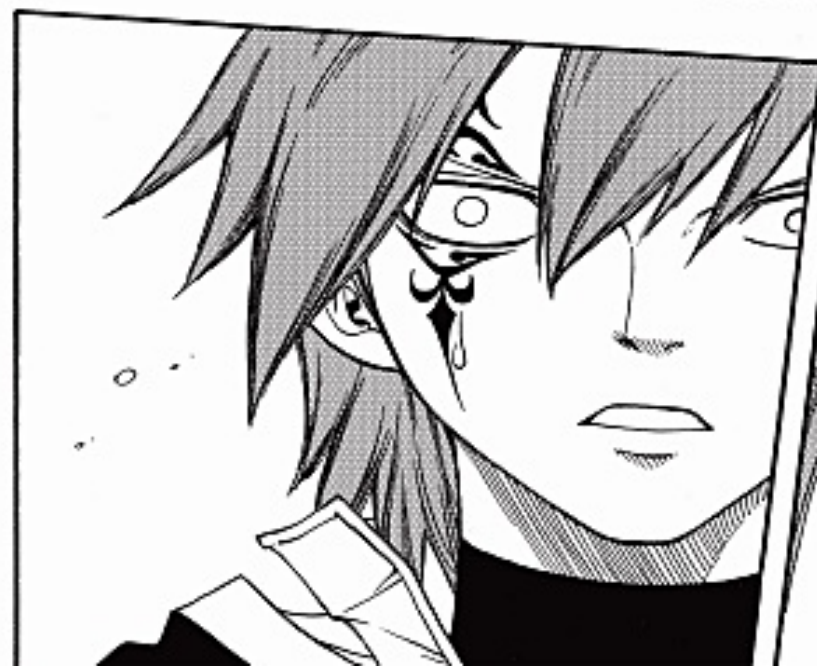
Yo!



What?



Erza, I
don't know
enough
about you
either.





Are you happy
now that
you hurt an
opponent
that couldn't
move?

You're
even more
outrageous
than the
rumors say.



*... was
crying.*

Erza...



She's at
her best
when she's
strong and
violent!!!

I don't
ever want
to see
Erza like
that!!!



She spit out
her words
in that weak
whisper, and
her voice was
quavering.

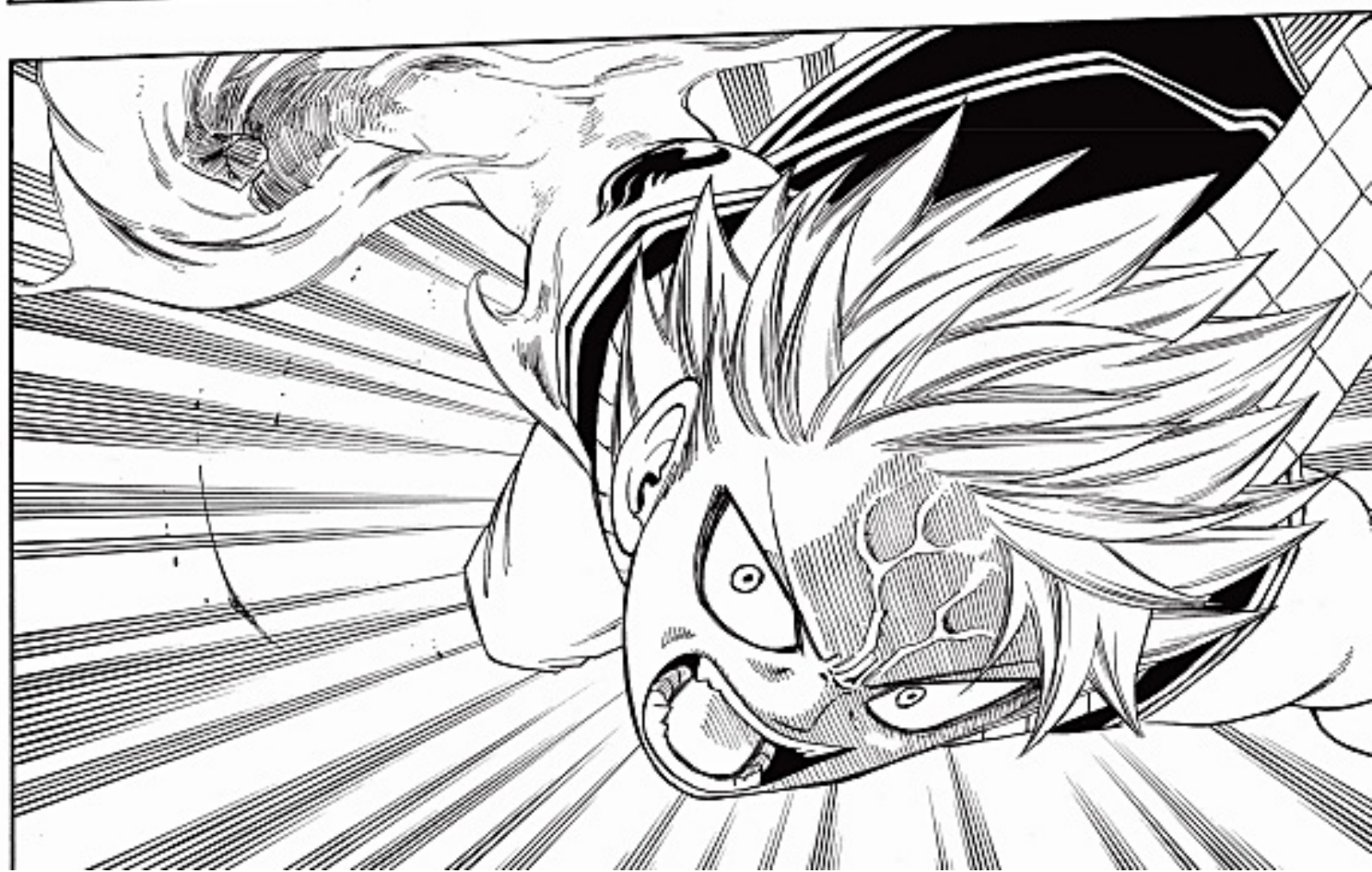


*...I'm
going to
take you
down!!!!*

ROAR



*When she
wakes up,
I want her
to be her
old self,
and that's
why...*



FAIRY TAIL



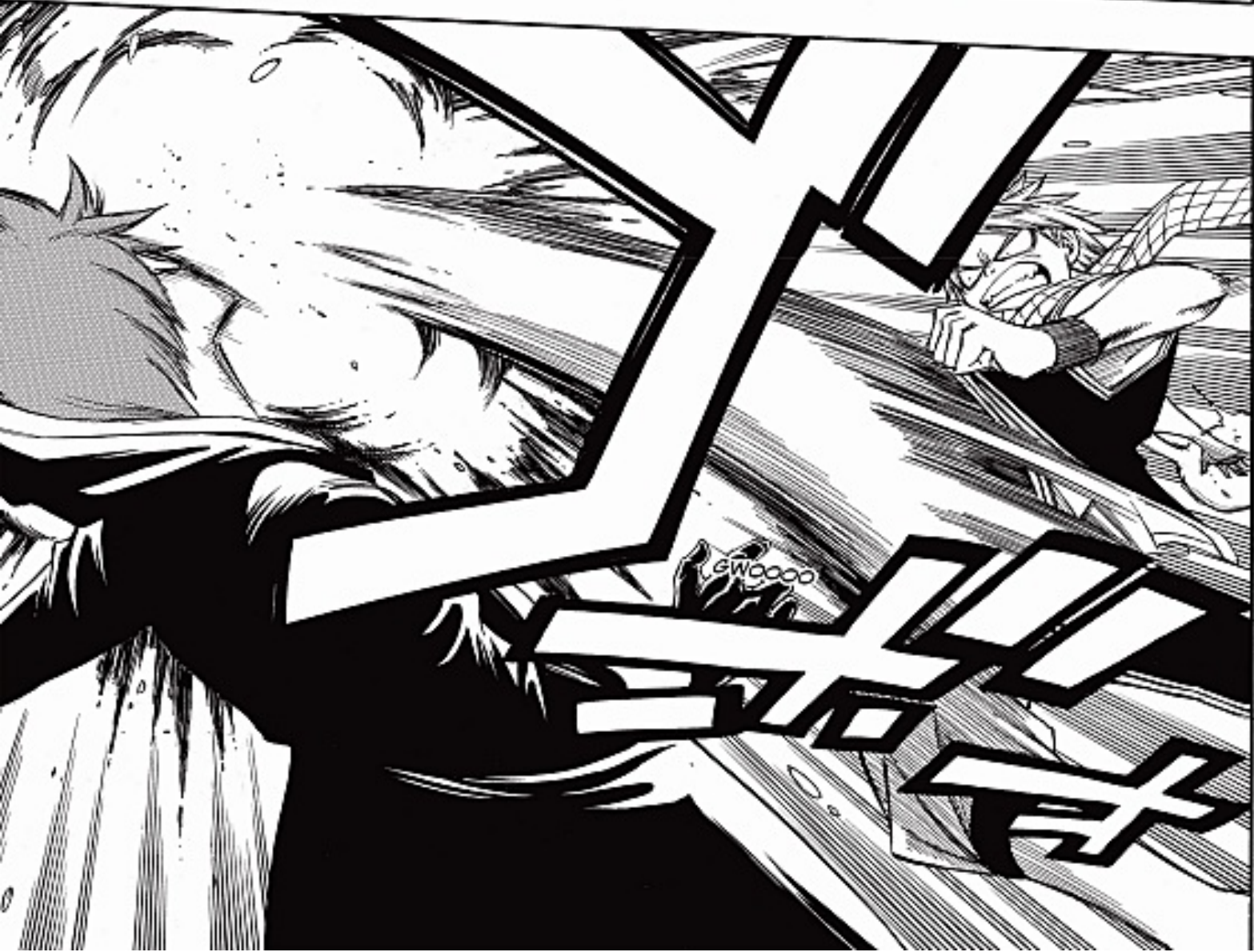
Chapter 96: Meteor

Remarks

A Wood Make wizard. She uses a magic that can take any wooden material and, in an instant, transform it into any shape she desires. Because of that talent, she has had very little sleep during the reconstruction of the guild.

She likes to use odd turns of phrase. Recently she cut her hair, but within her group of friends, she calls it "severing her hair." Other phrases include "feeding the stomach" for "eating" and "enduring the defenseless time" for "sleeping."







Karyû-
no-
Yokugeki
!!!!*

*FIRE DRAGON'S WING ATTACK!!!!

And...

And...

GAATAAM

**Kagi-
zume
!!!!***

***Talons!!!!**

*Talons!!!!

A vertical manga panel featuring a character in a dynamic, action-oriented pose. The character is depicted with long, flowing hair and a determined expression, wearing a dark, form-fitting outfit. They are surrounded by large, stylized sound effects in a bold, blocky font. The sound effects include "KAK", "BOOM", "GAGH", "GWOO", "DRAK", and "FWAM". The background is filled with vertical lines, suggesting a sense of motion or a specific environment. The overall style is characteristic of classic Japanese manga art.

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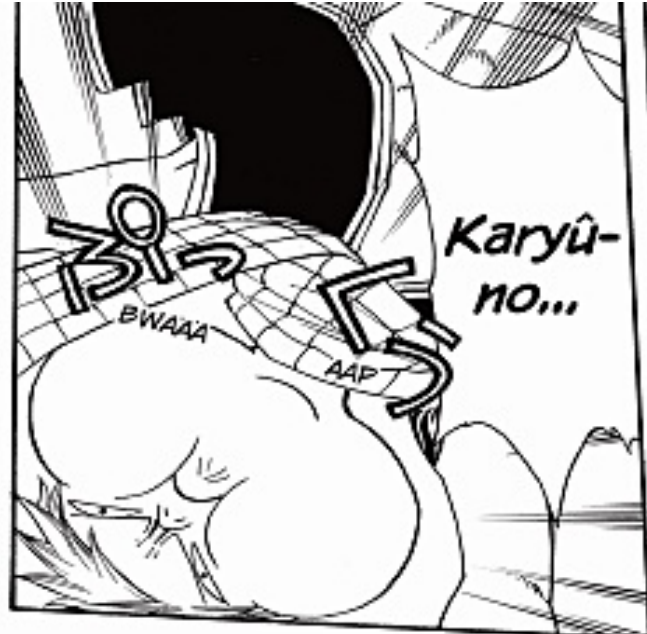
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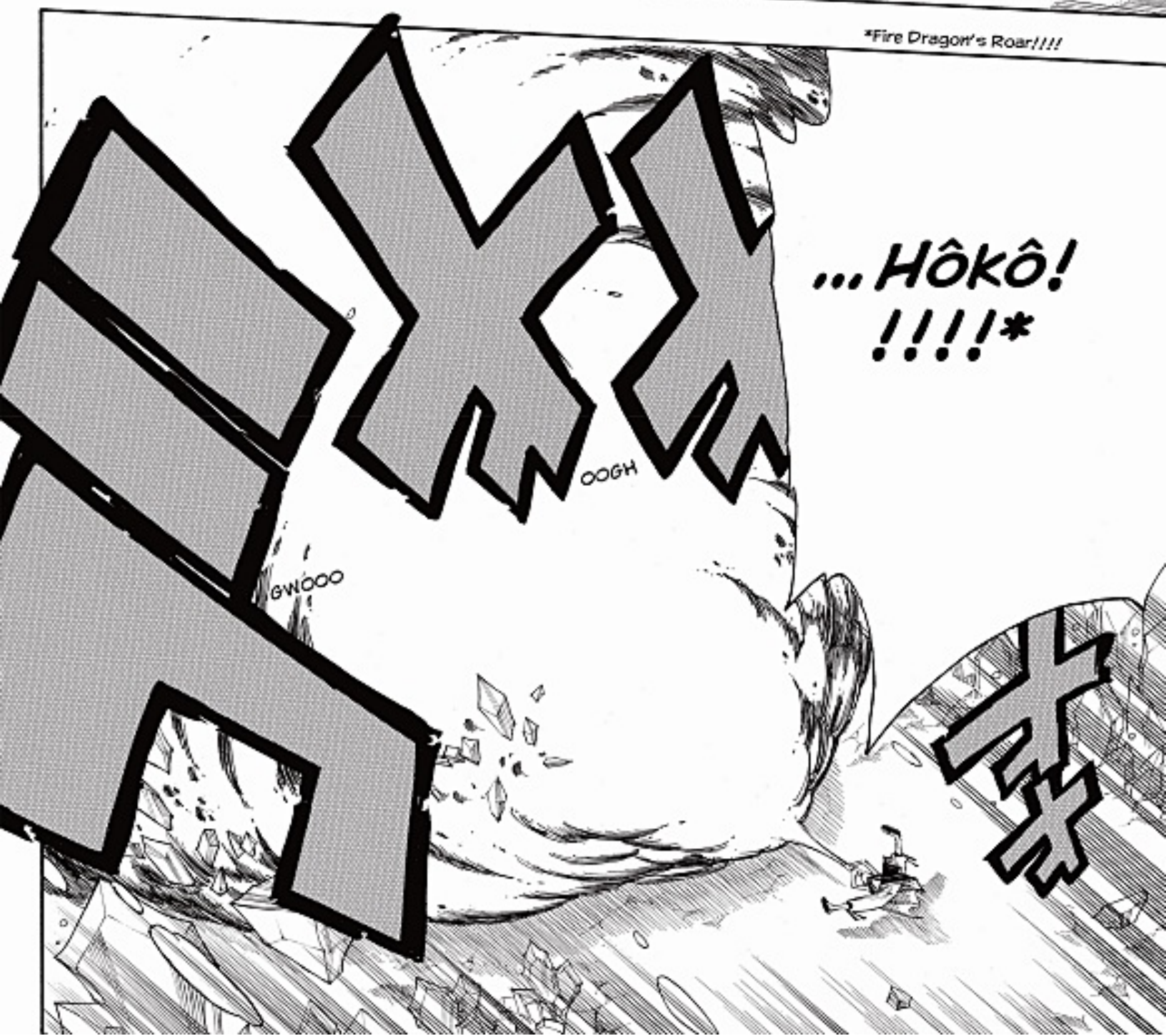
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**Karyû-
no...**



**Fire Dragon's Roar!!!!*



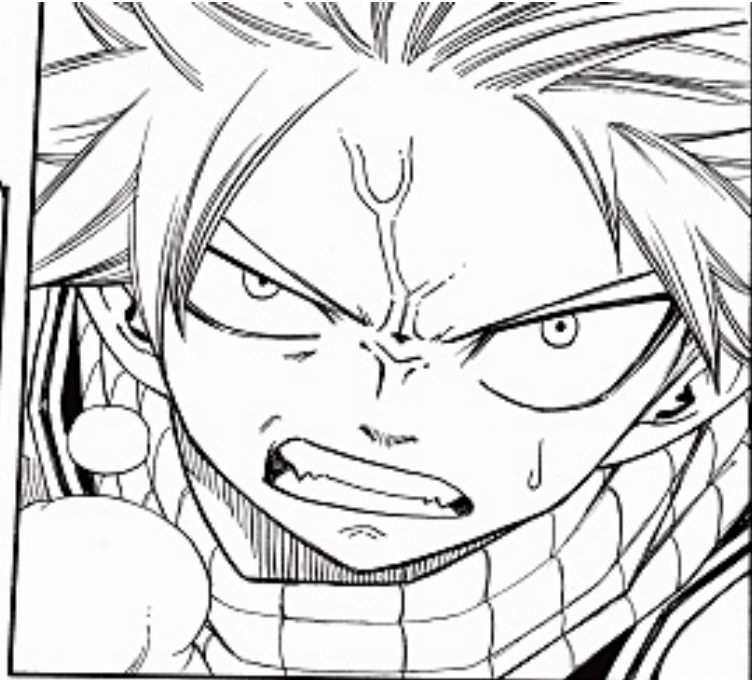
**...Hôkô!
!!!!***







I'd hoped
to have a taste of
a dragon slayer's
magic before I
personally wiped them
off the face of the
Earth.



*What
was
that?
!!!*

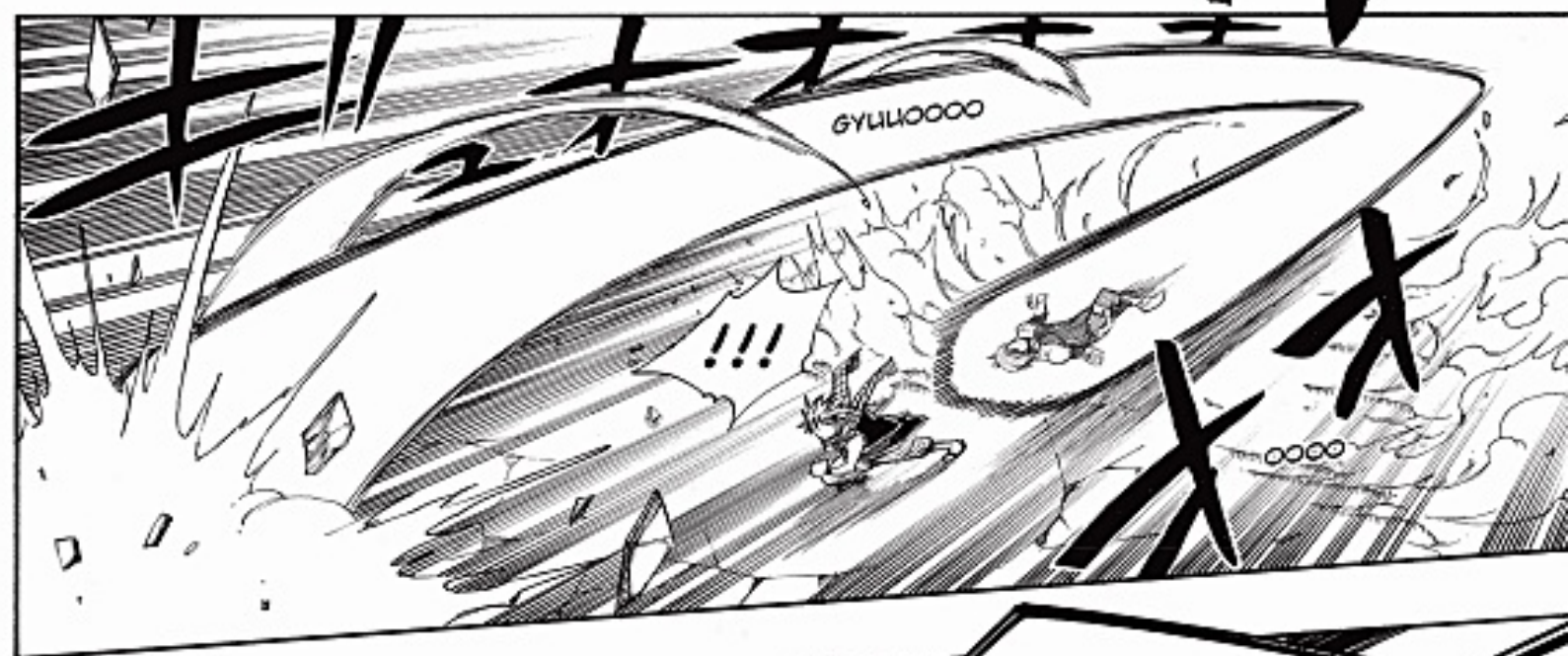


If that's all
you can do,
then you lack
the substance
to back up
the awe you
inspire.



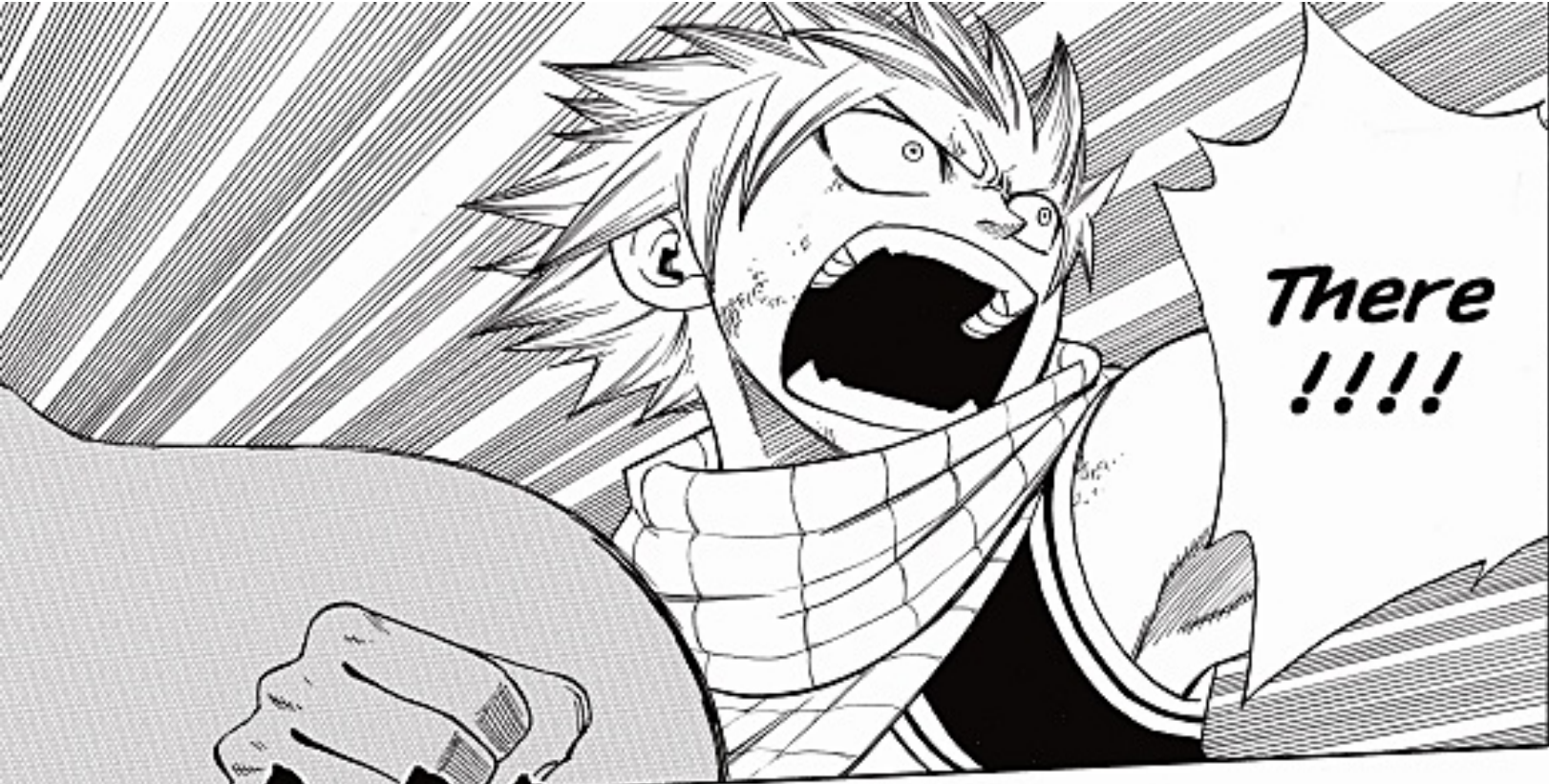
For that, I
think I'll turn
you into
fodder for
my *heavenly
body* magic.

But
you did
interfere
with my
ritual.

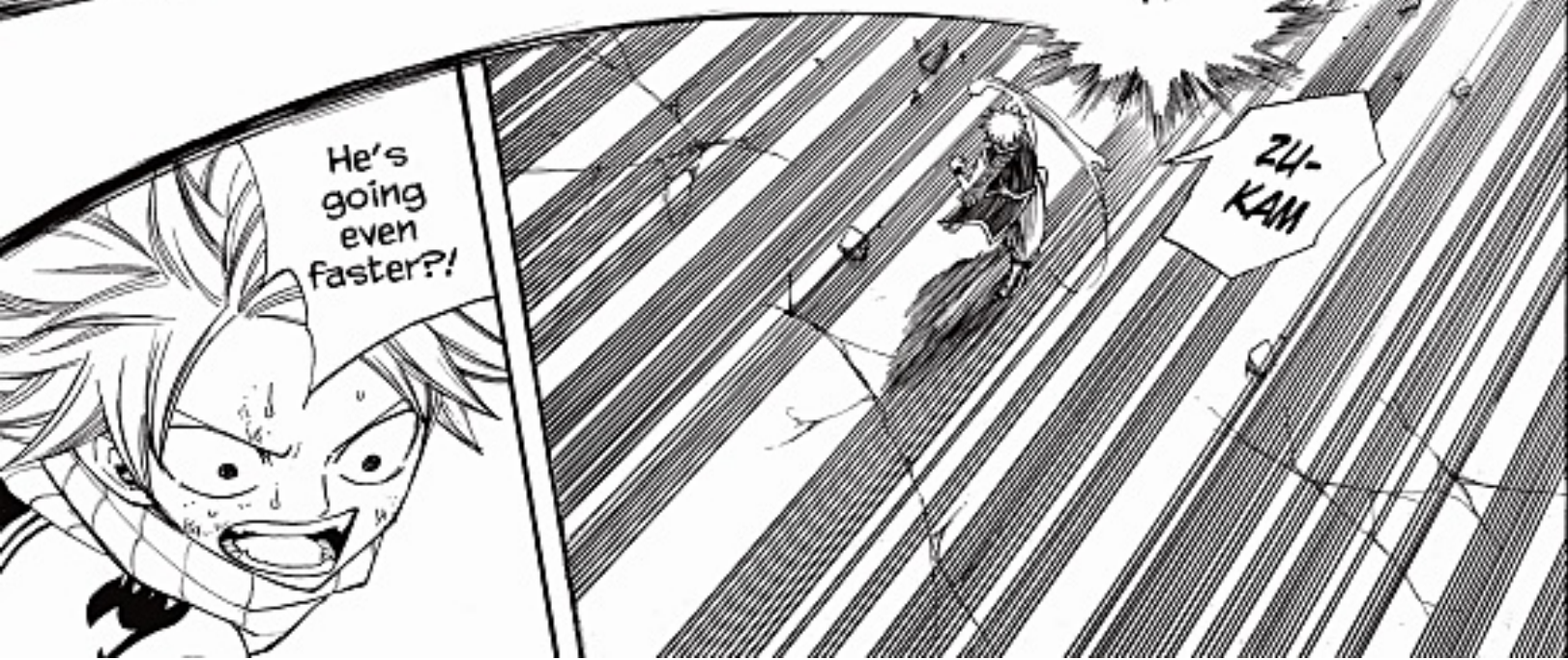








*There
!!!!*



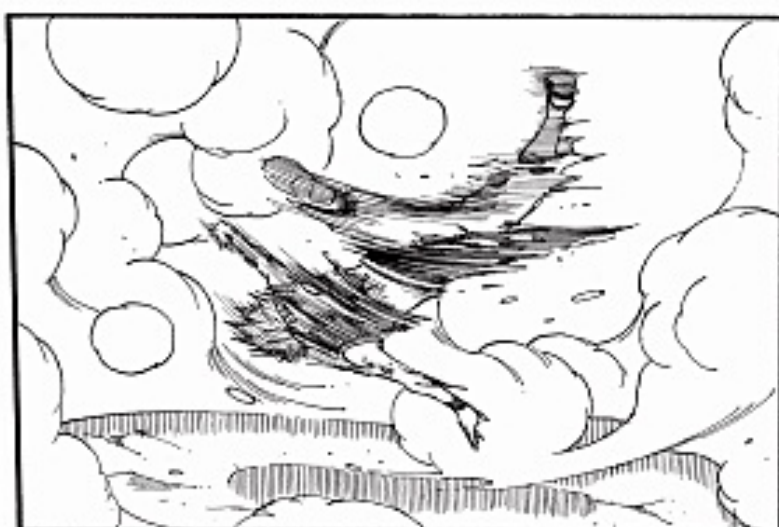
He's
going
even
faster?!

*24-
KAM*



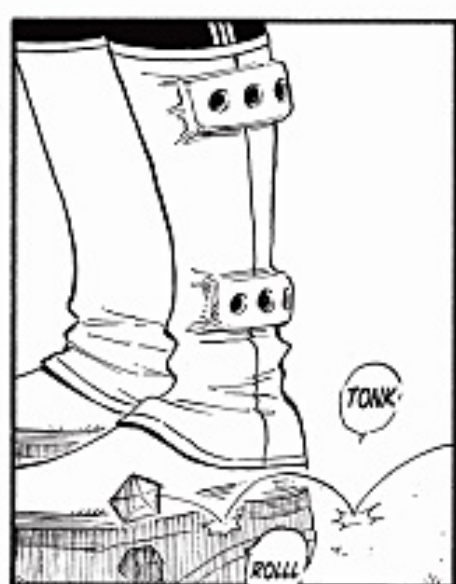
**Grand
Chariot
!!!!**

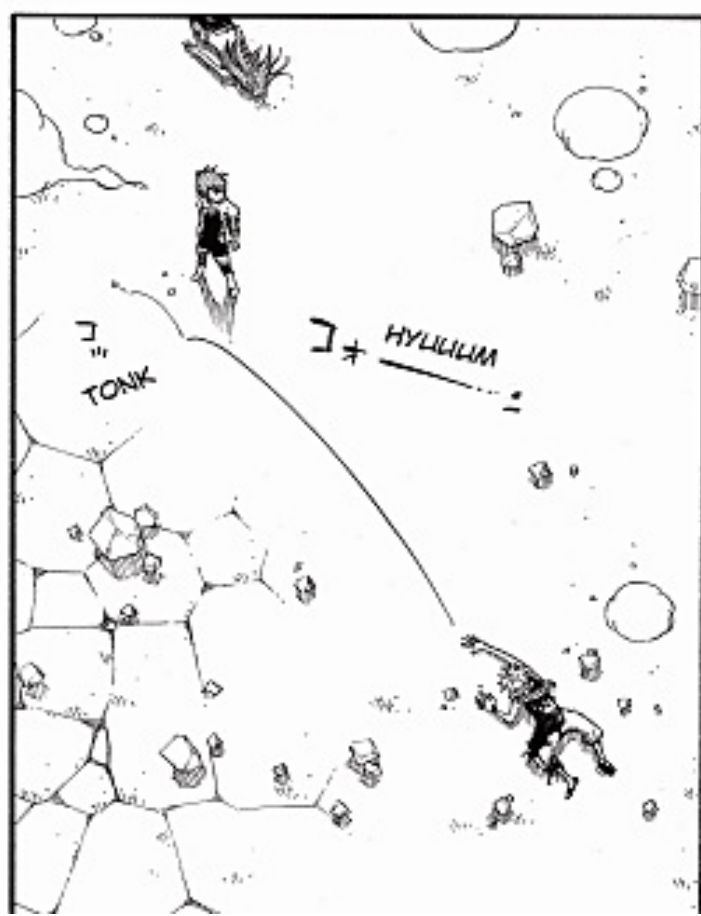




This kind of destruction magic is like being hit by a falling meteor.





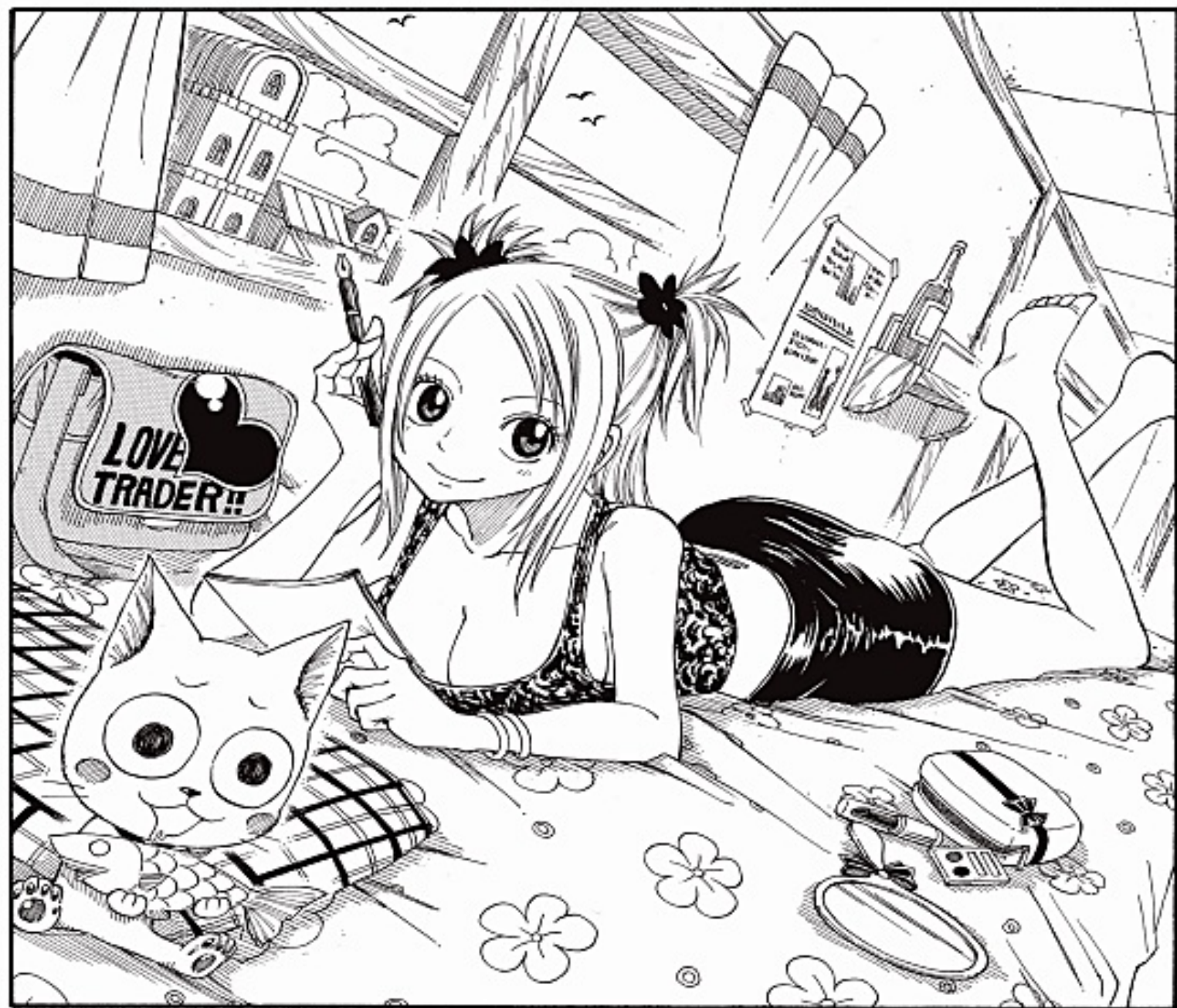






FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 97: A Life as a Shield





I'm going
to finish
you in an
instant!!



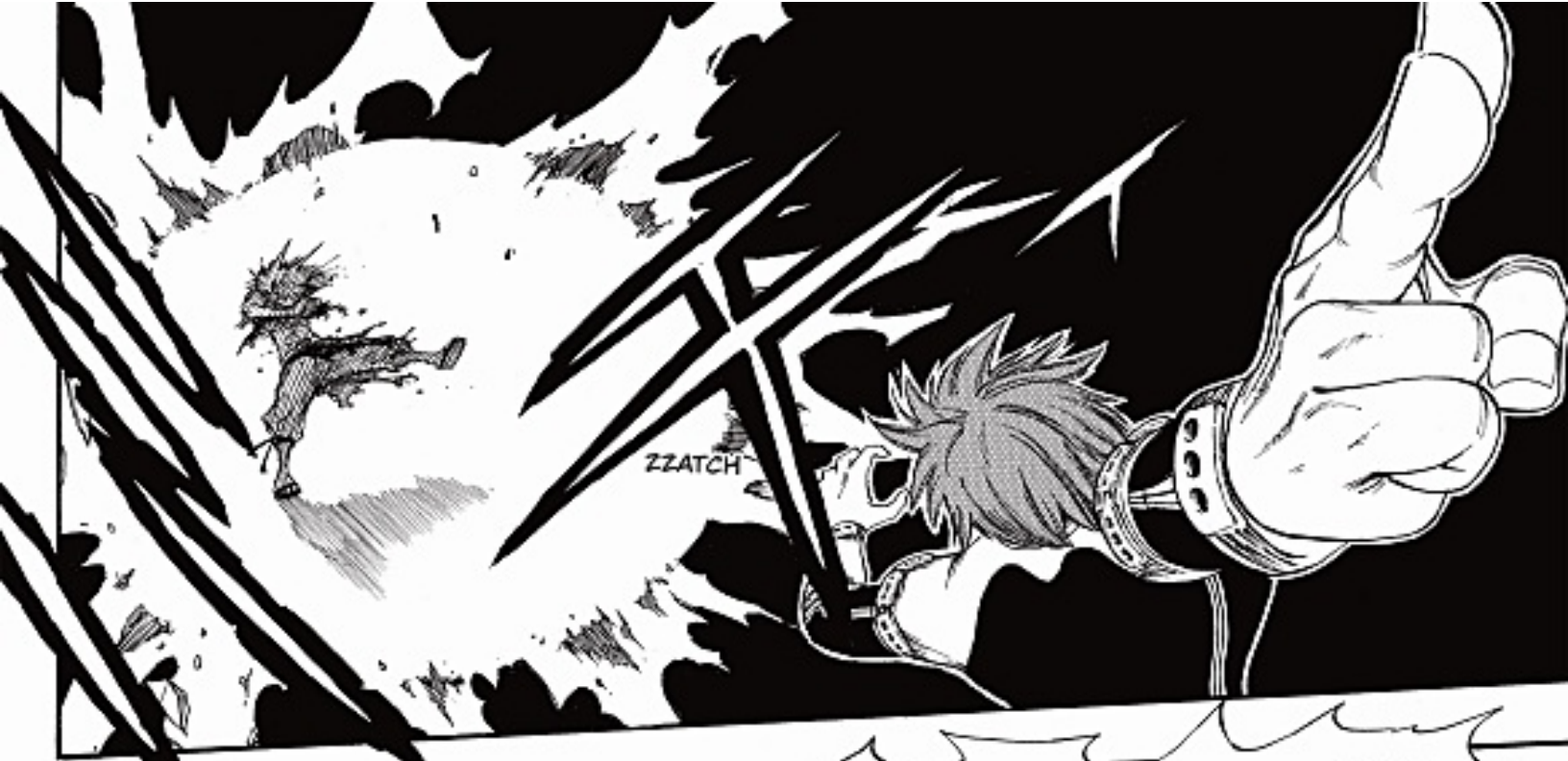
You'll regret
standing up
to me when
you're on
your way
to hell!!!



So if you
can take
me down,
go ahead
and try!!!

One thing
I know
about me
is that I
can take
punishment.







**Gwaah
!!!**

GOO

OOM



KAK

**Natsu
!!!**



**Karyû-
no...**

DMP



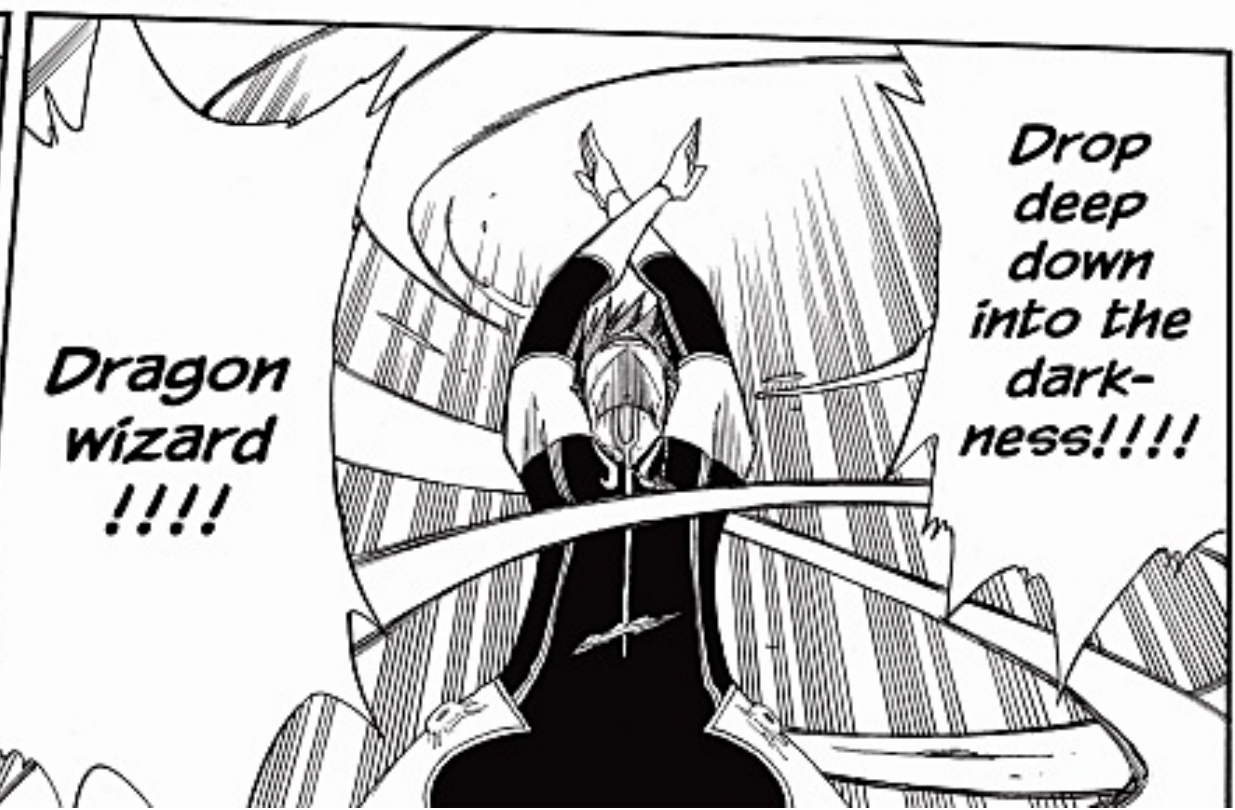
*Fire Dragon's Gleaming Flame!!!!

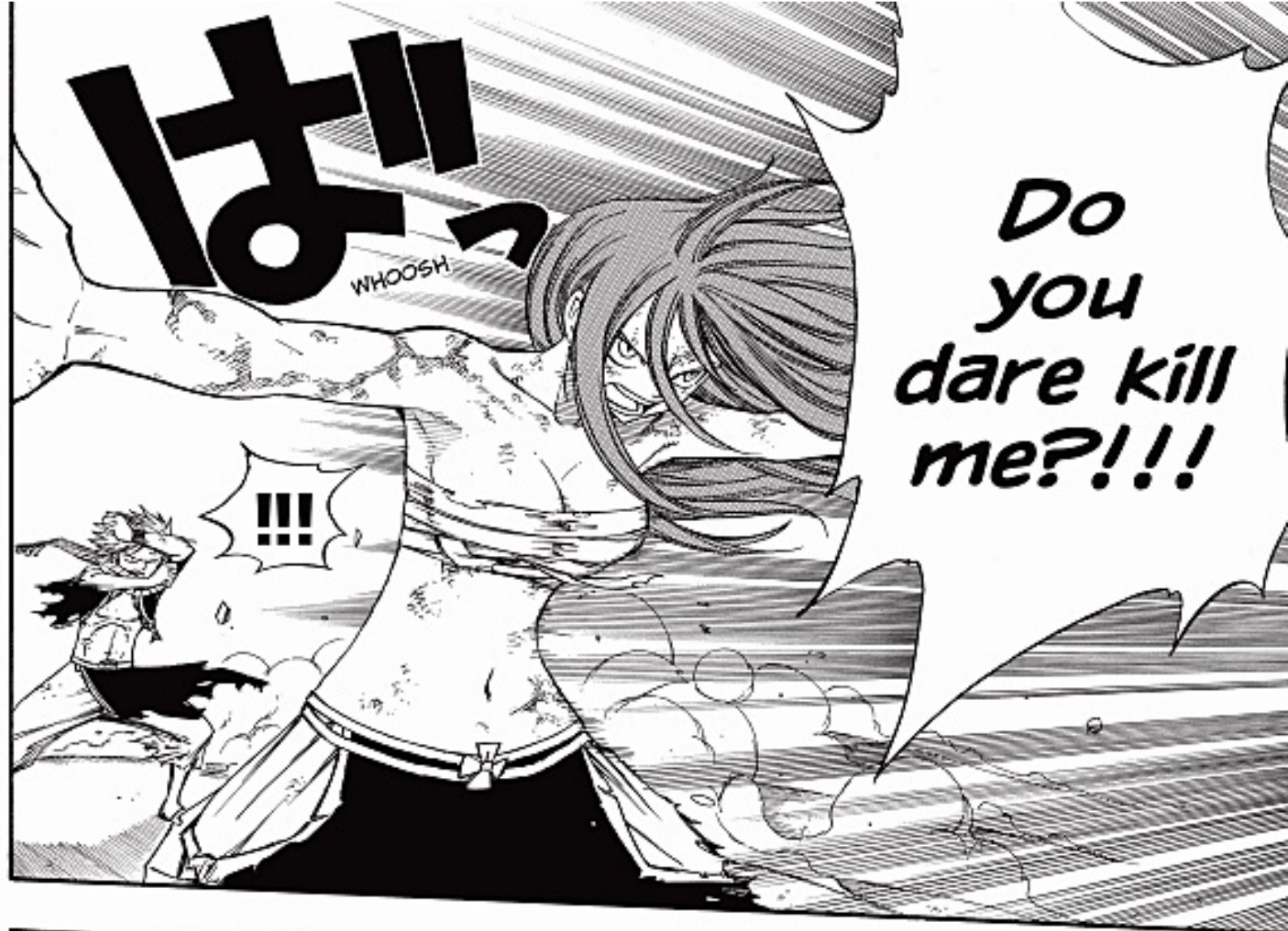


He's...
targeting
the
tower...











Erza!!!
Get out
of the
way!!!



*Bow
to
your
death
!!!*

*Both
of you
to-
gether...*



!!



I will
protect
you!!!

You have
nothing
to worry
about!!!

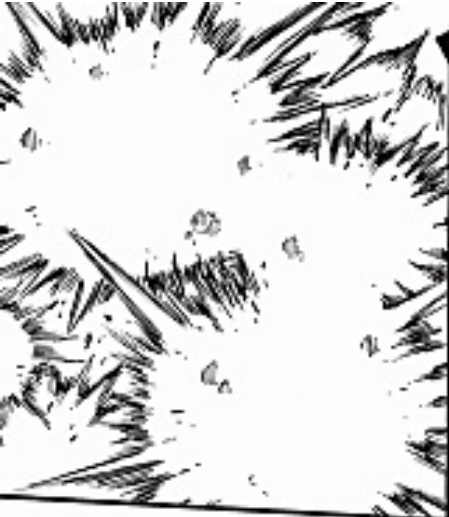


...Altair's
!!!!

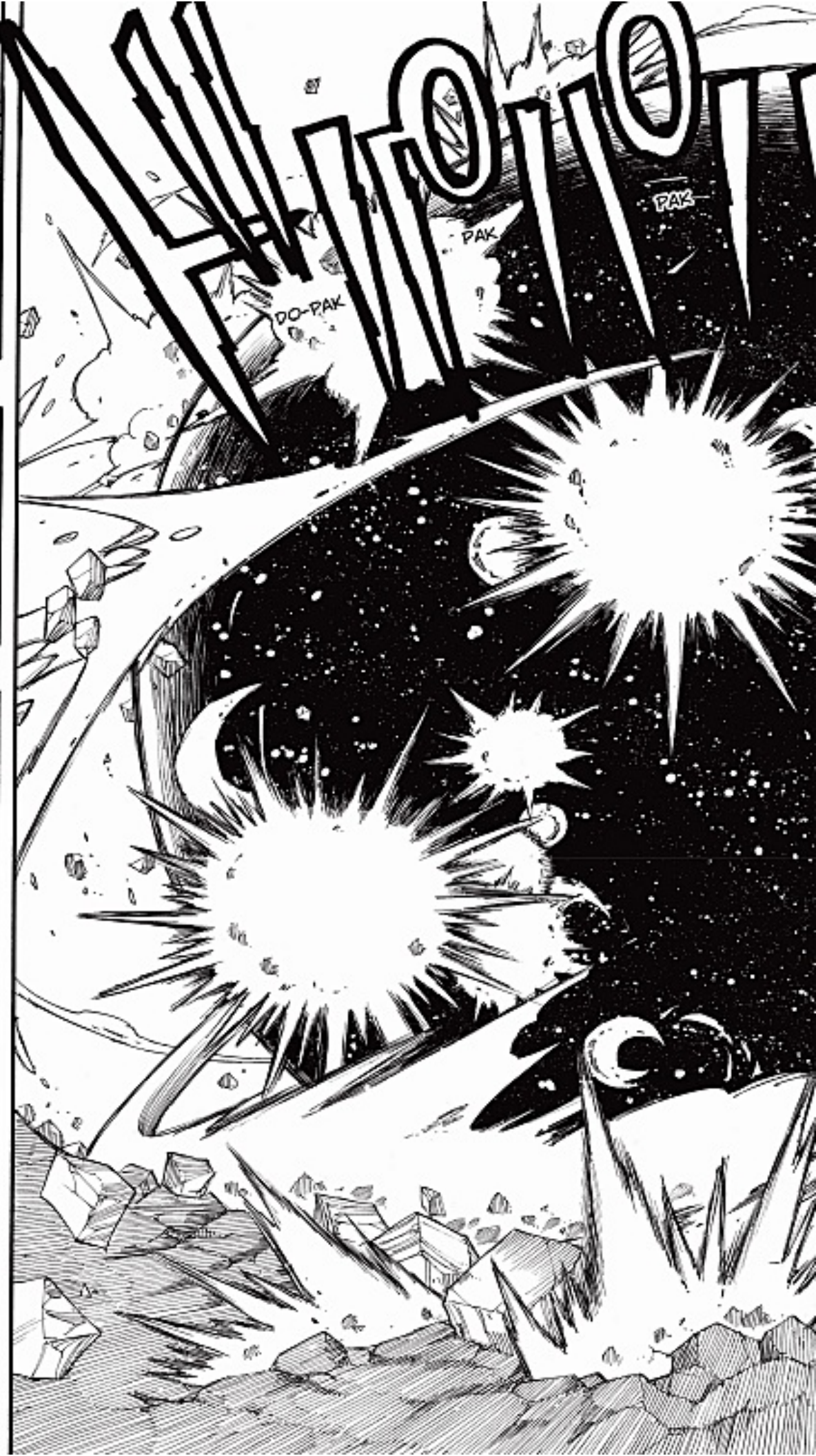
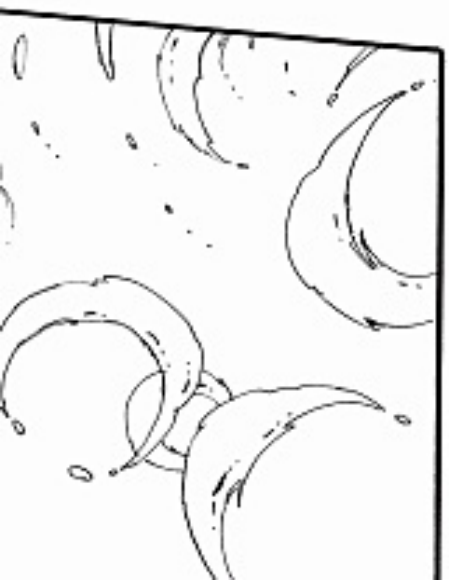
*heavenly
body
magic...*



No!!!
Don't
!!!!

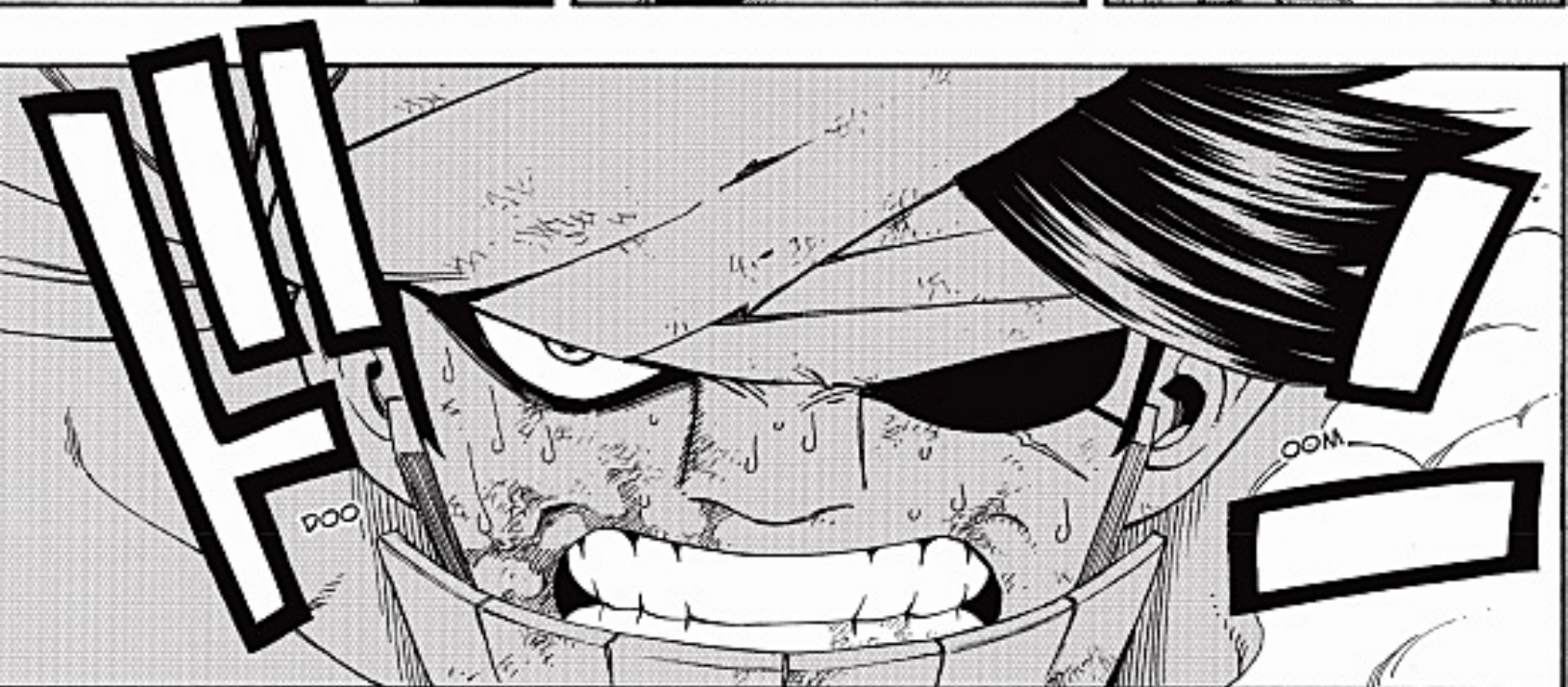
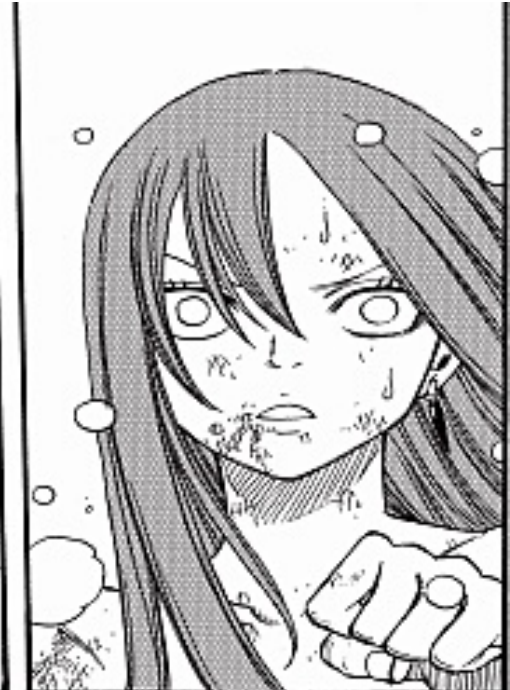


**Erza
!!!!**

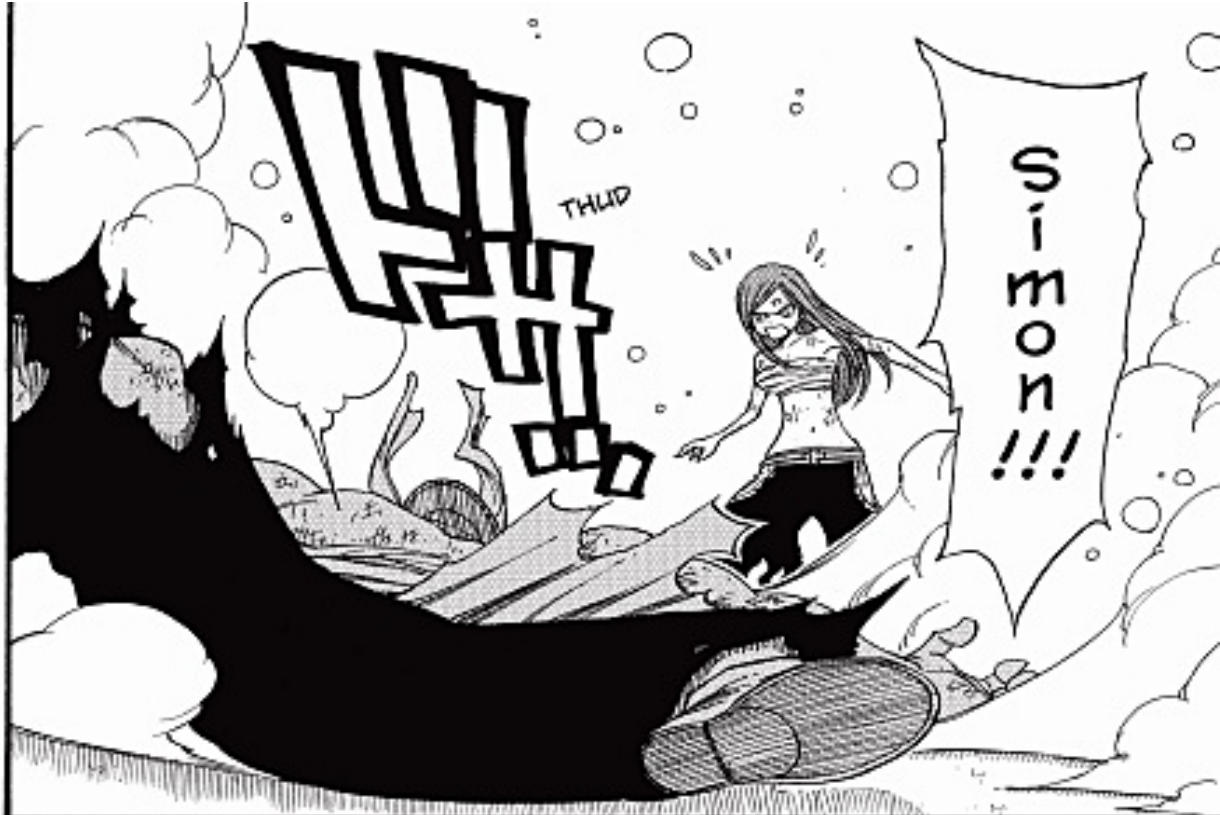








Was that bug
still crawling
around this
place?



...escape
like the
others?
!!

Why
didn't
you...



I knew...
that
someday...

KAFF!

...I
could...

...help...
you...

KOFF...

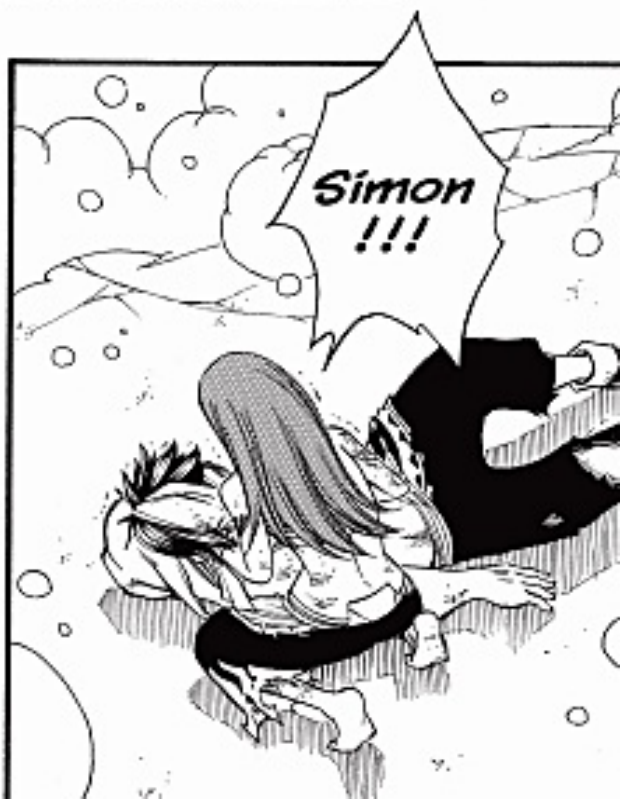
BEASTO-HER

I-I'm...
glad...

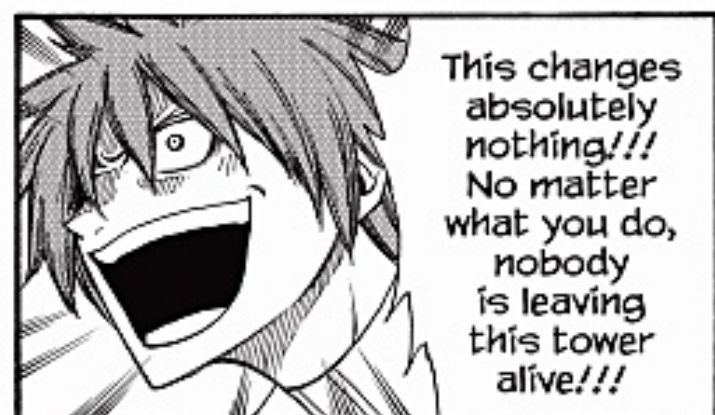
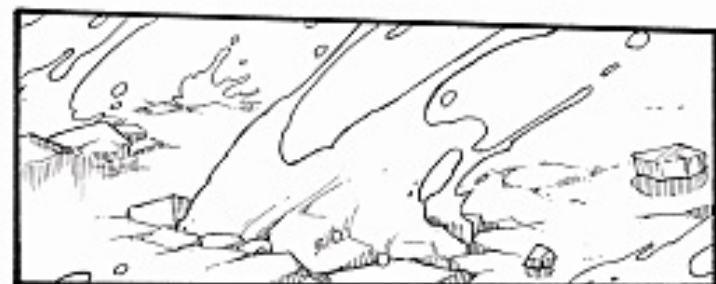
HAHH

HAHH

Simon
!!!









*He's
eating
Etherion
!!!!*



BZZT

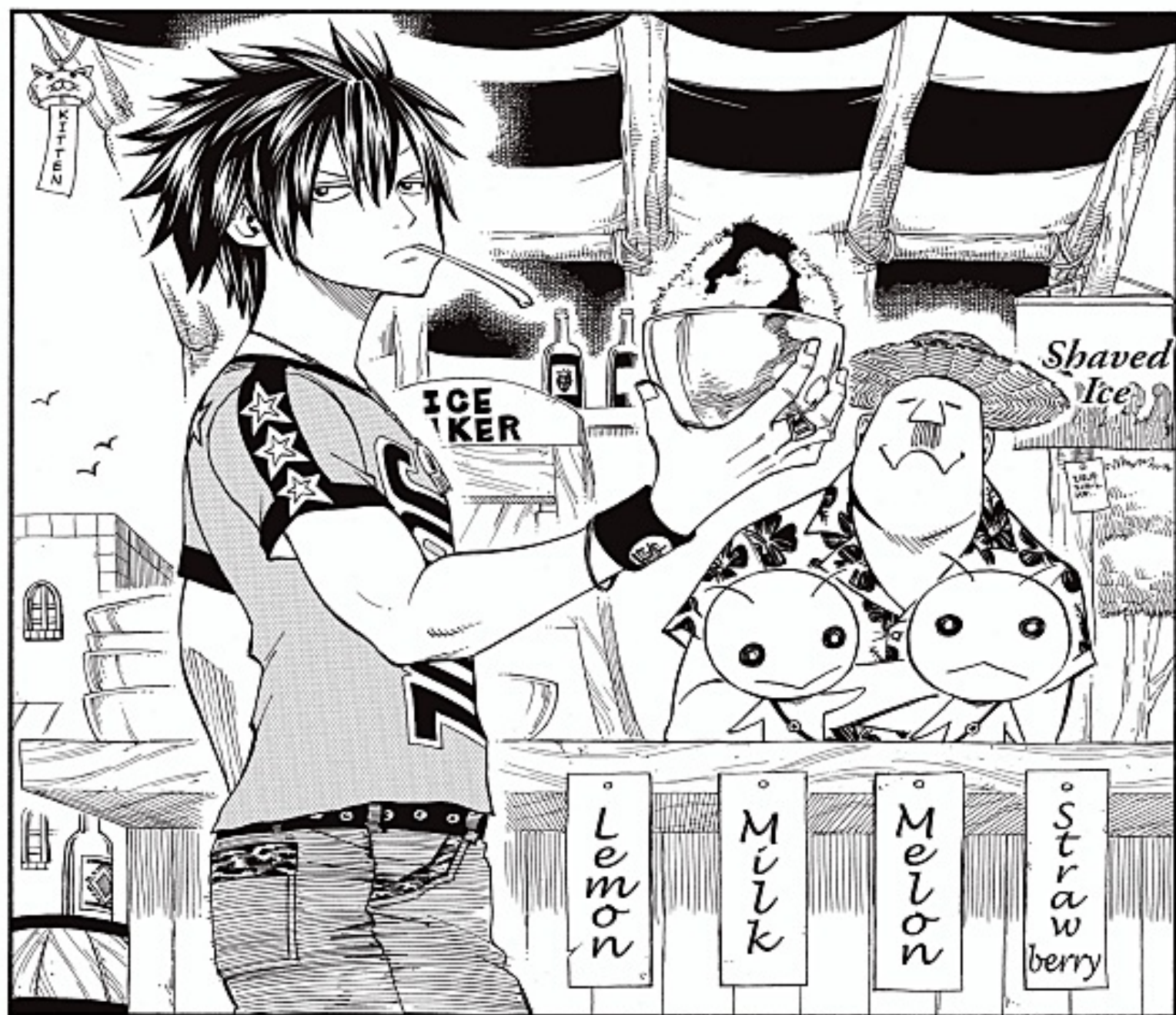
BZZT

BZZT

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FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 98: Dragon Force

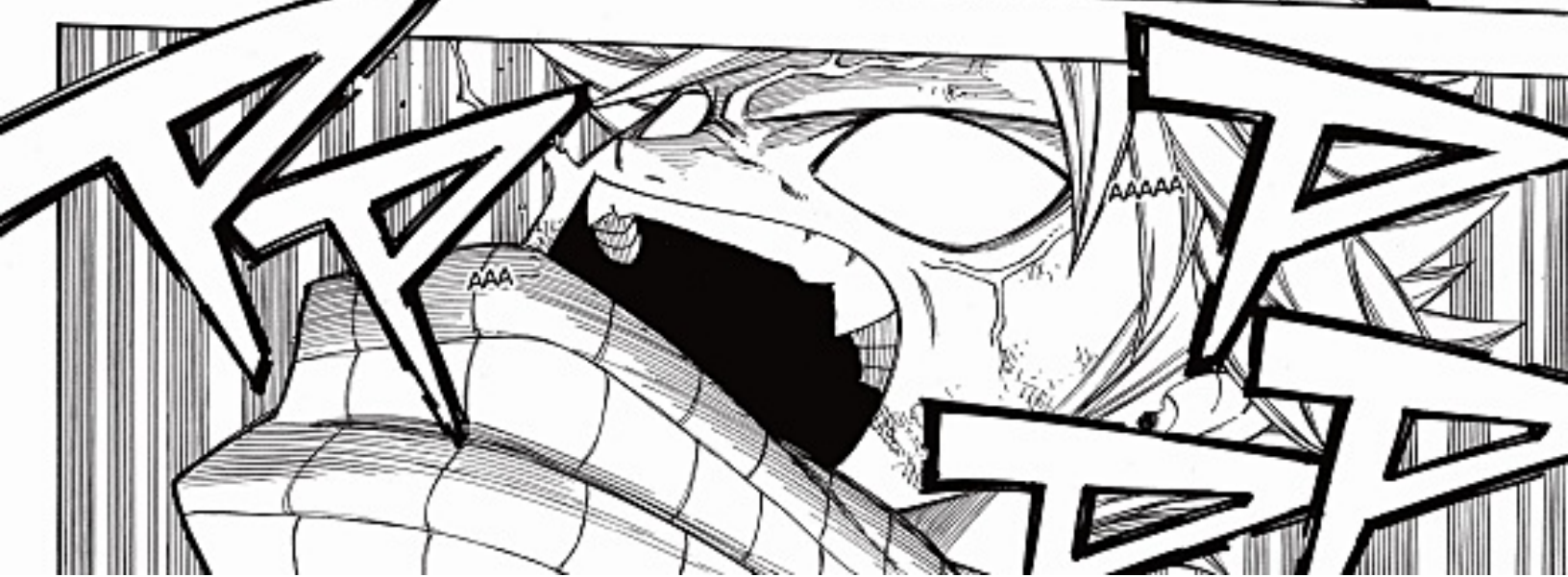




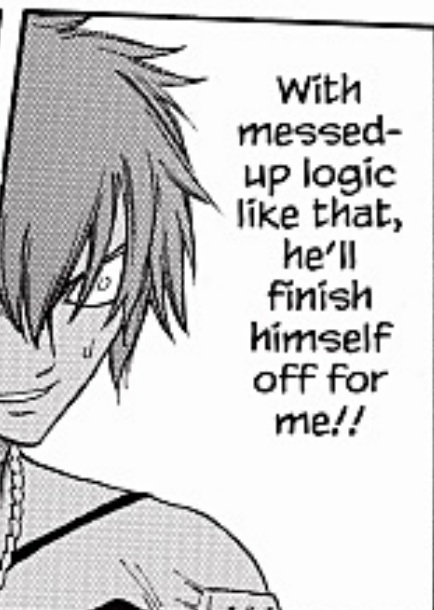
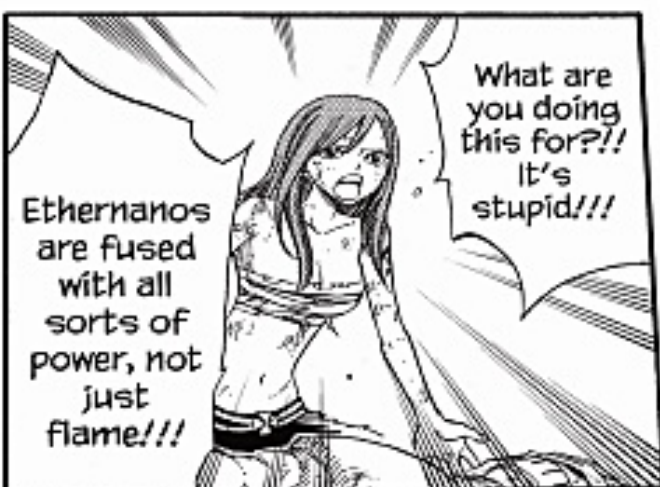
...eating
Etherion?!!



He is...





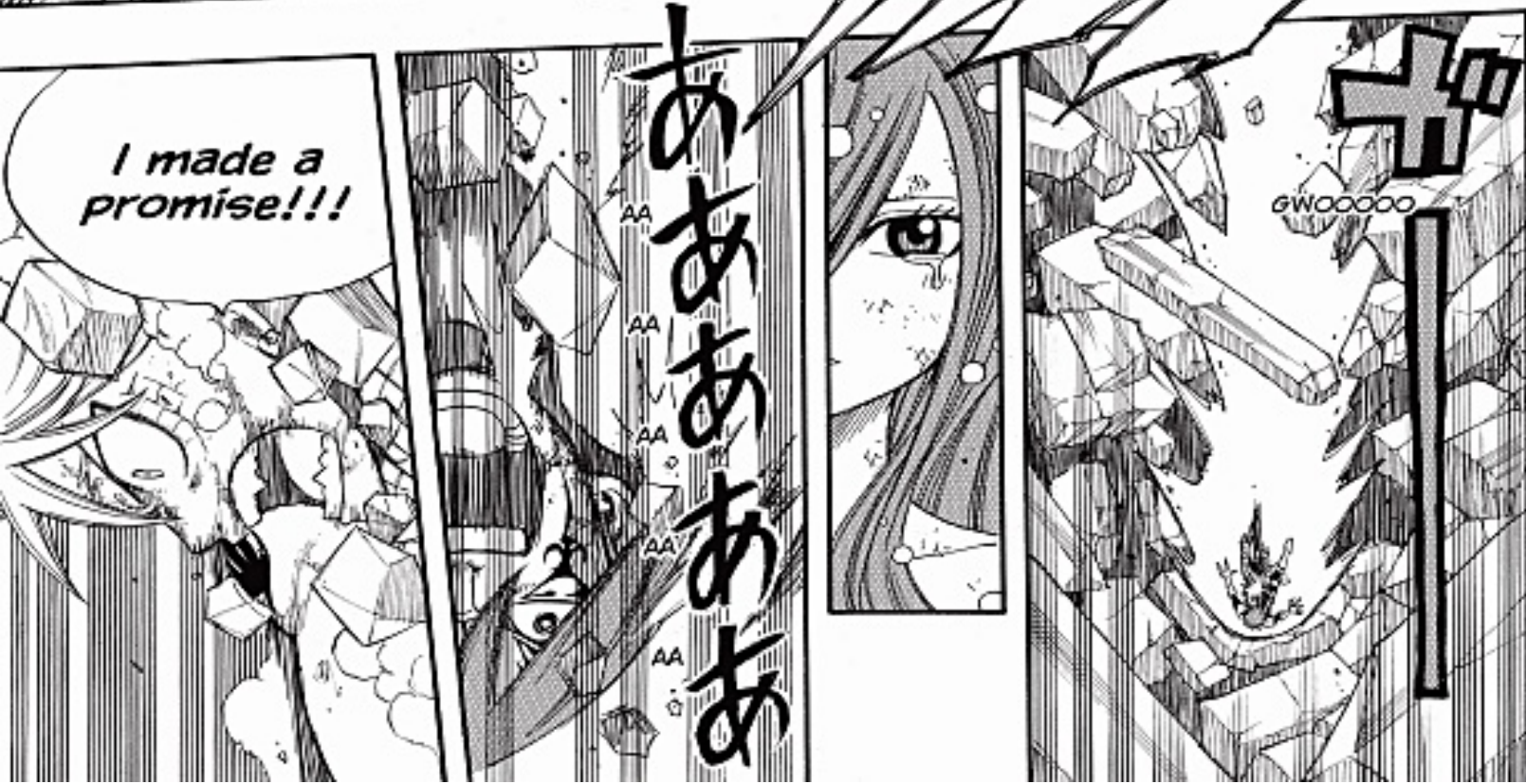








**You're
why
Erza
cries
!!!!**



**I made a
promise!!!**

あああああ

GWOOOOO

ガ

...look
after
Erza,
okay?

Natsu...

*I
made a
promise
!!!!*

*You
uppity
little...
!!!*

GAHAHH...





That's right...
I'm the only
one who can
feel Zeref!!!

He quietly
asked
me if I
wanted
true
freedom
!!!

In my fear
and pain,
Zeref
whispered
to me!!!

Together
with Zeref,
I will create
a nation
of true
freedom!!!!

I am
the
chosen
one!!!!

And you
tried to
make it by
stealing the
freedom of
everybody
else!!!!

Why don't
you stupid
people
understand
that?!!!



Only the will
to change
the world
can alter
history!!!

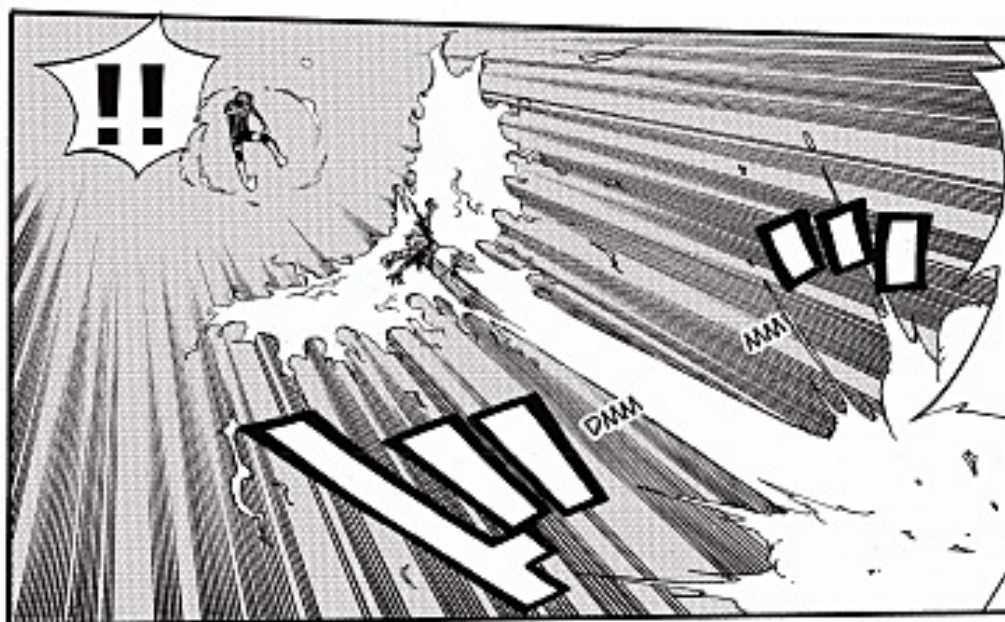


Zeref...
just you
wait!!!

All I need
is another
eight years...
No, I can
complete it
in five...

Is he
going to
destroy
everything,
including
the
tower?!!!

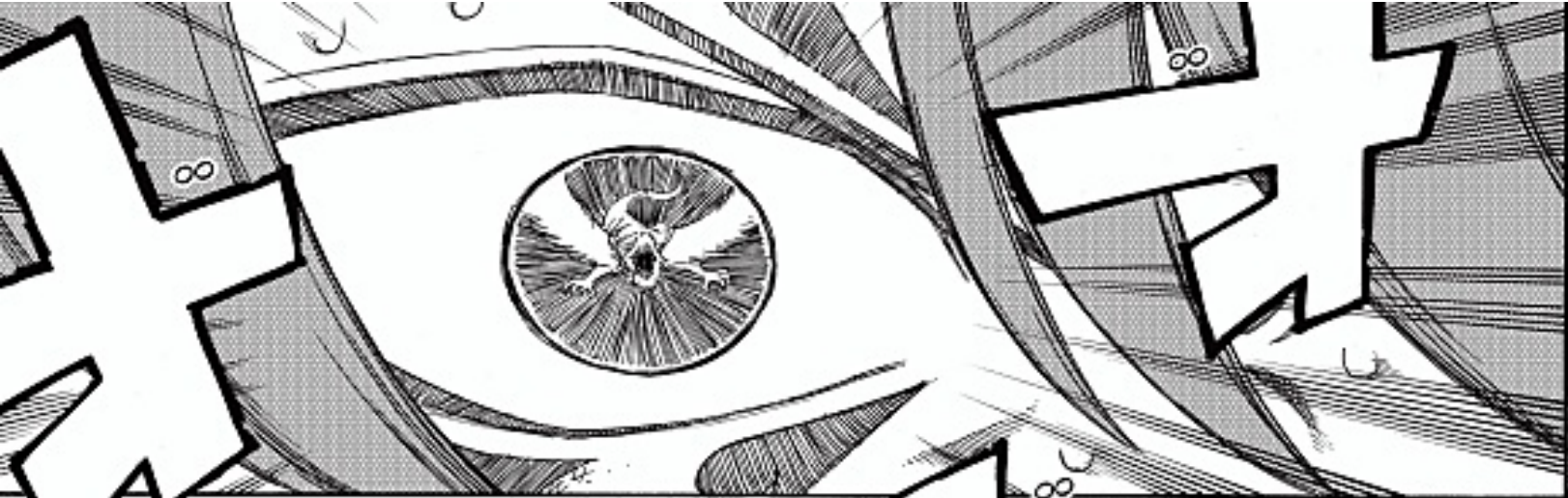
Is
that an
Abyss
Break?
!!!



You won't
ever get
your
freedom!!!!

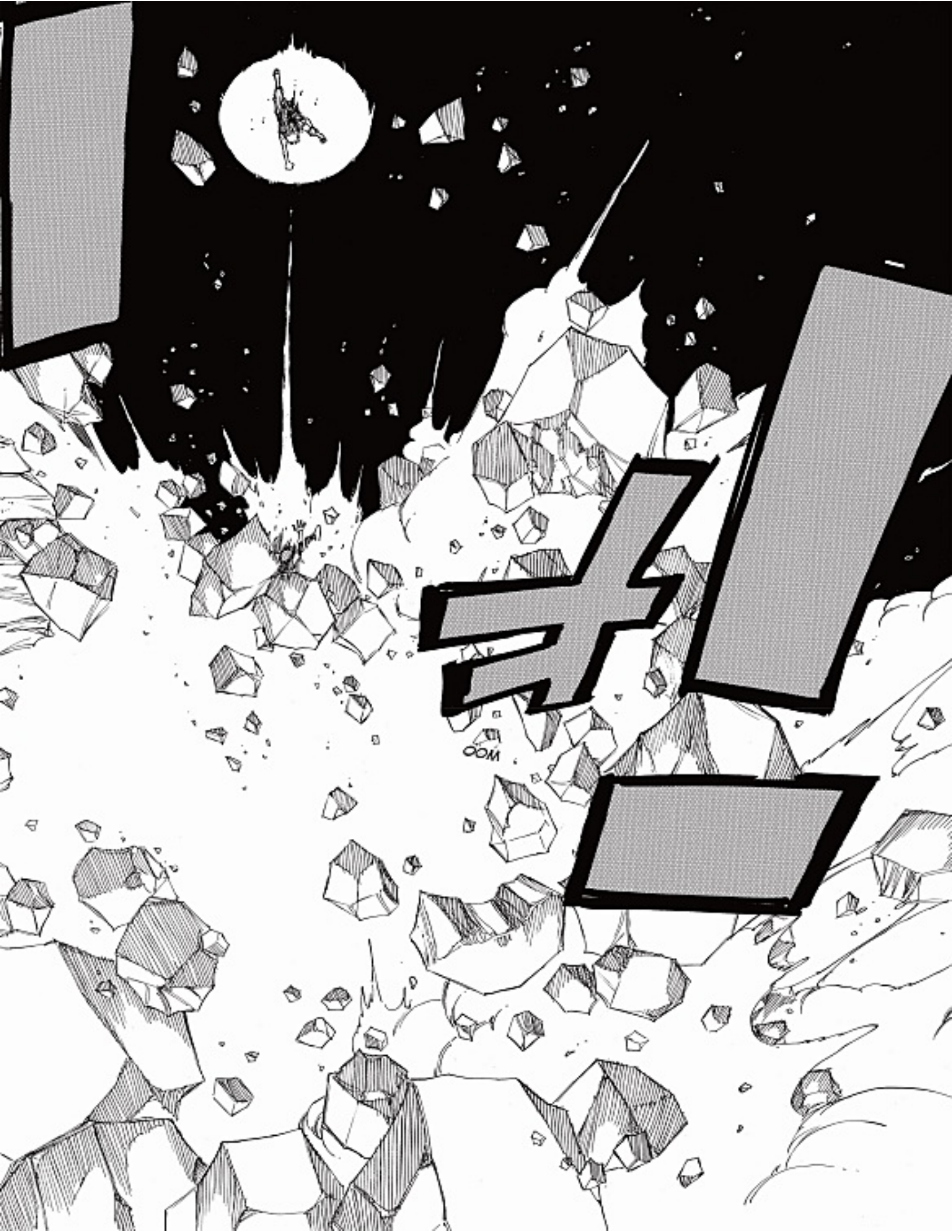


No jerk
whose will is
controlled
by ghosts
can ever find
freedom!!!!

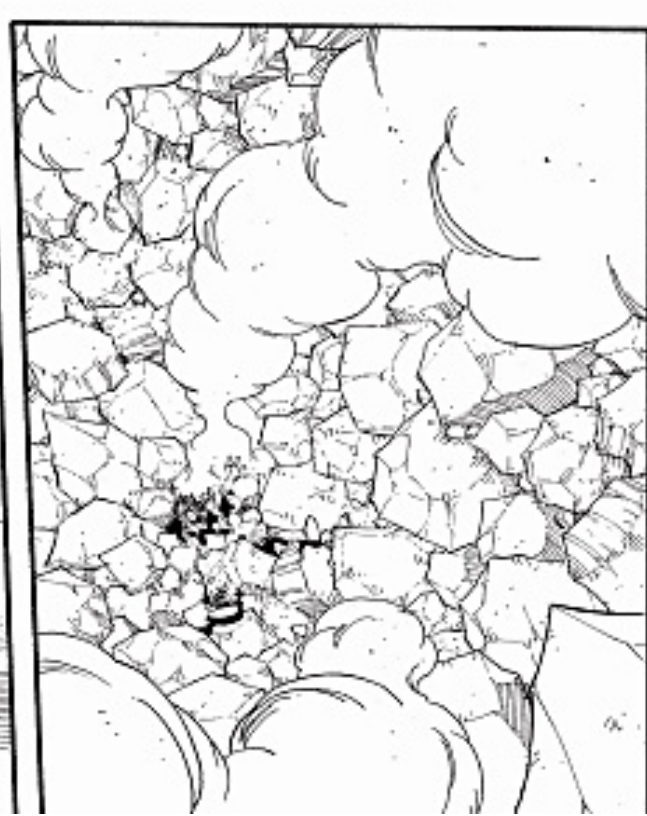
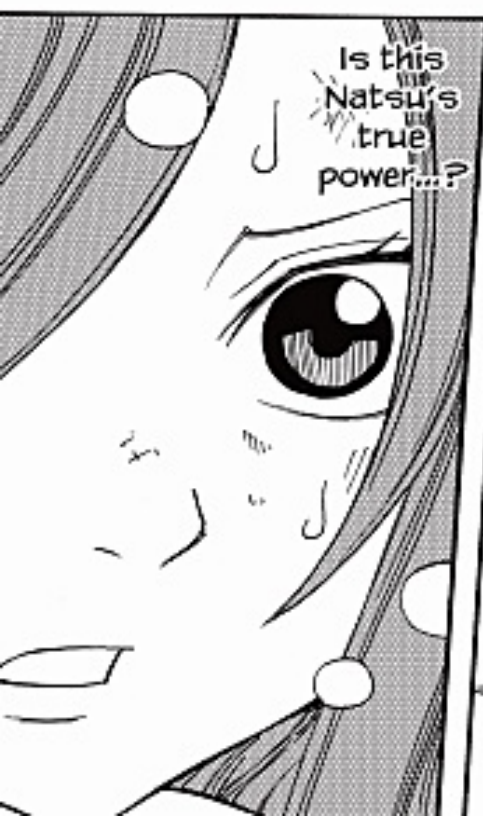
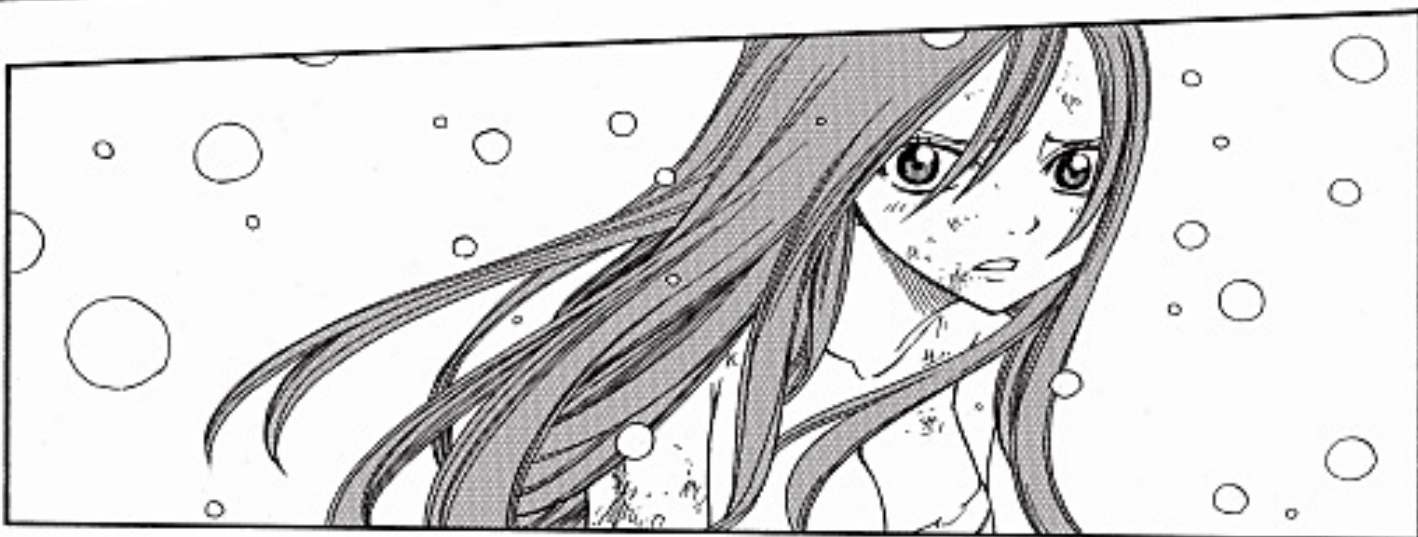
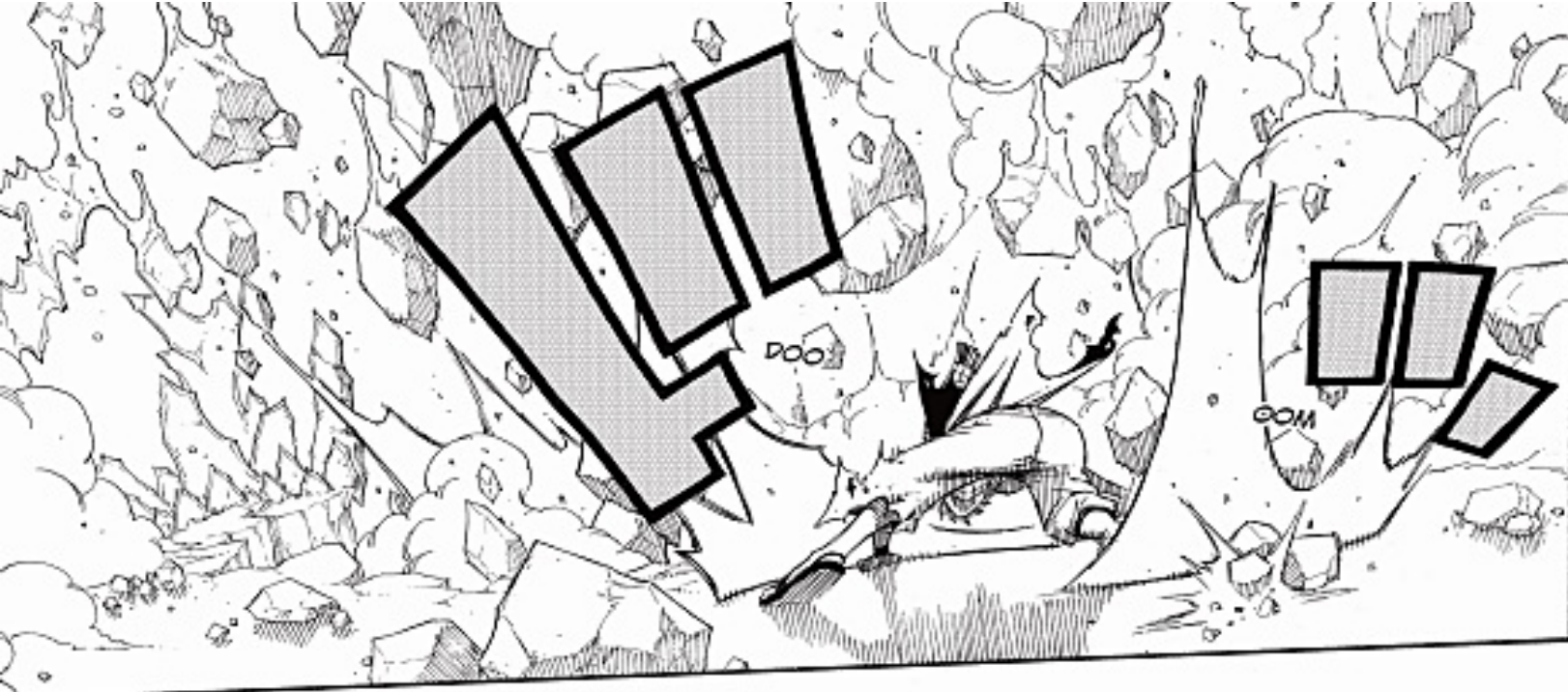


*Free
yourself
first!!!!
Jellal!!!!*





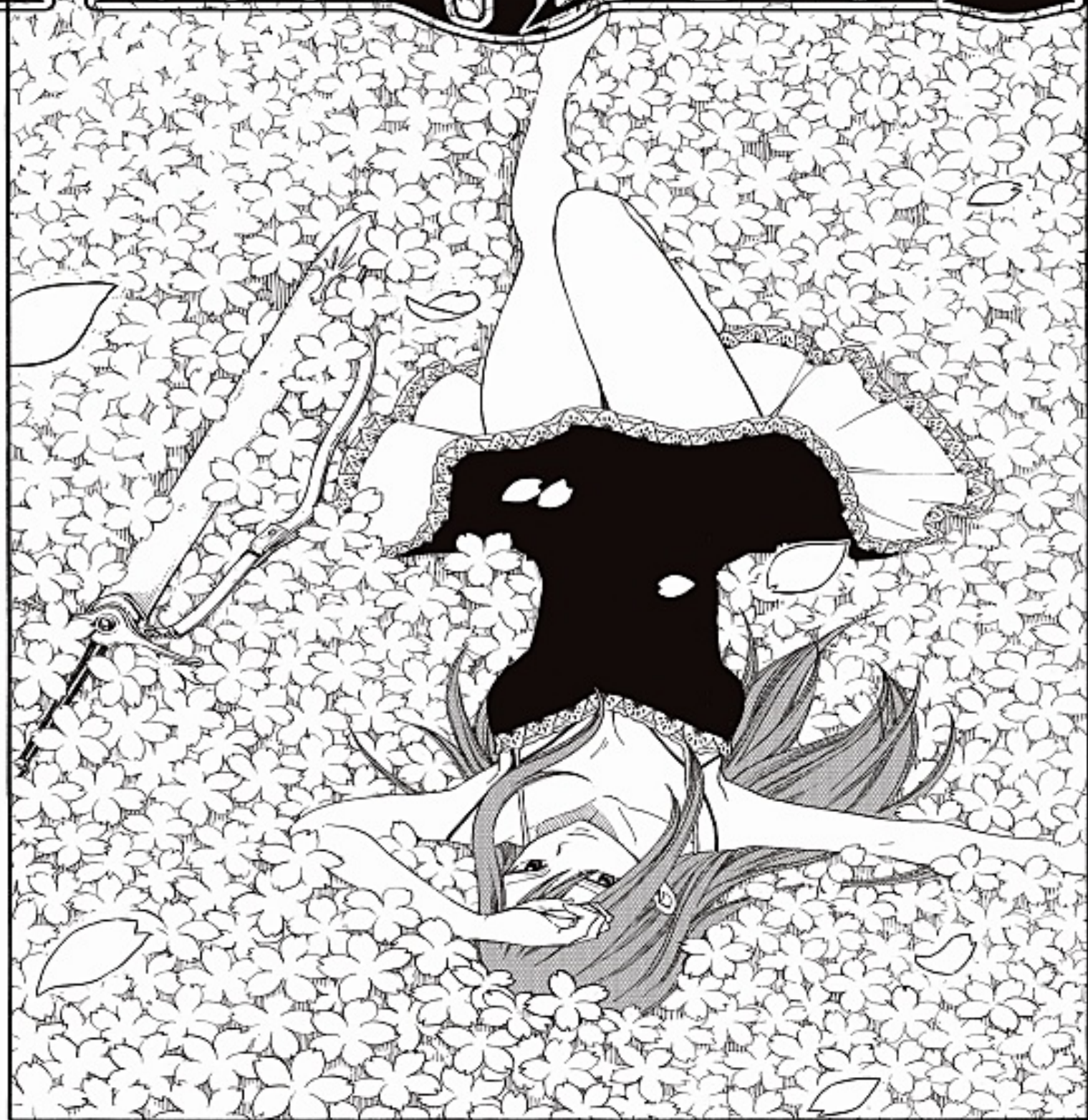




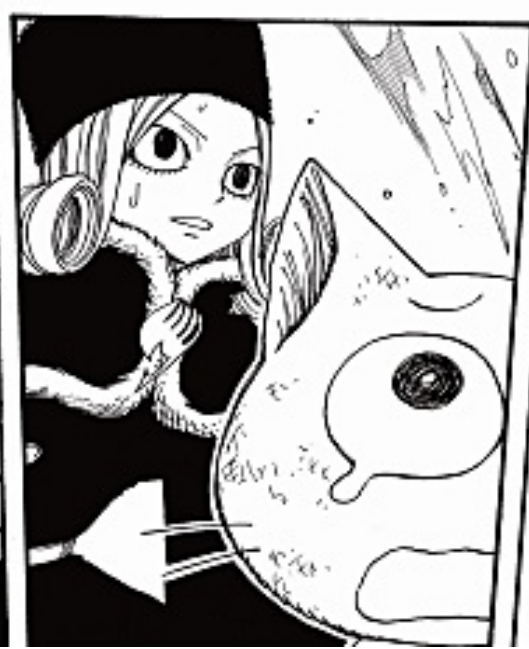
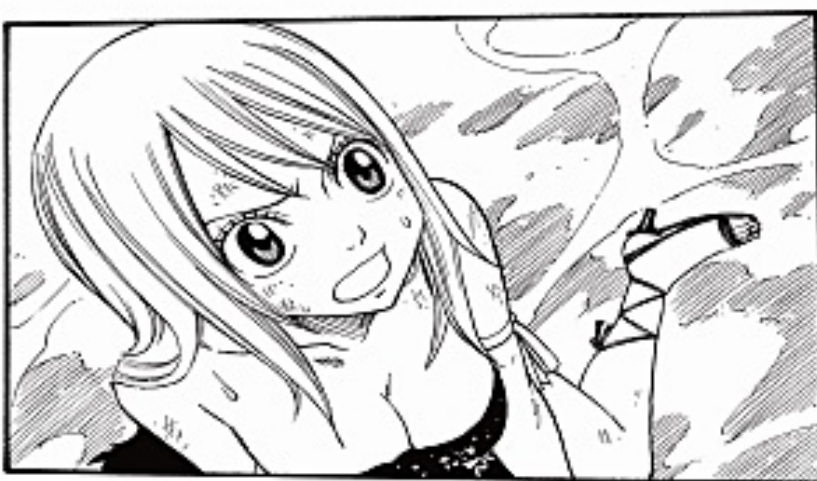
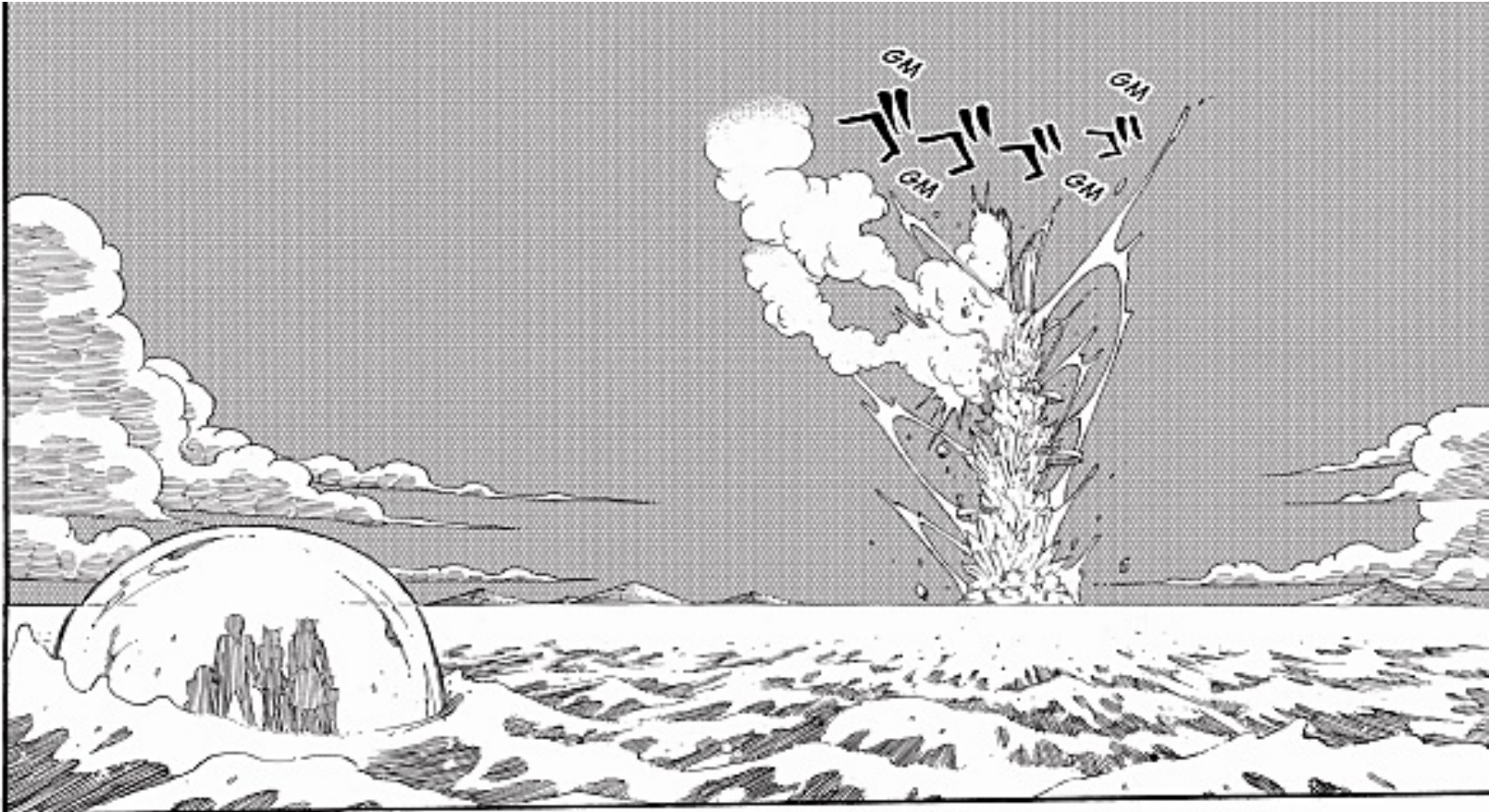


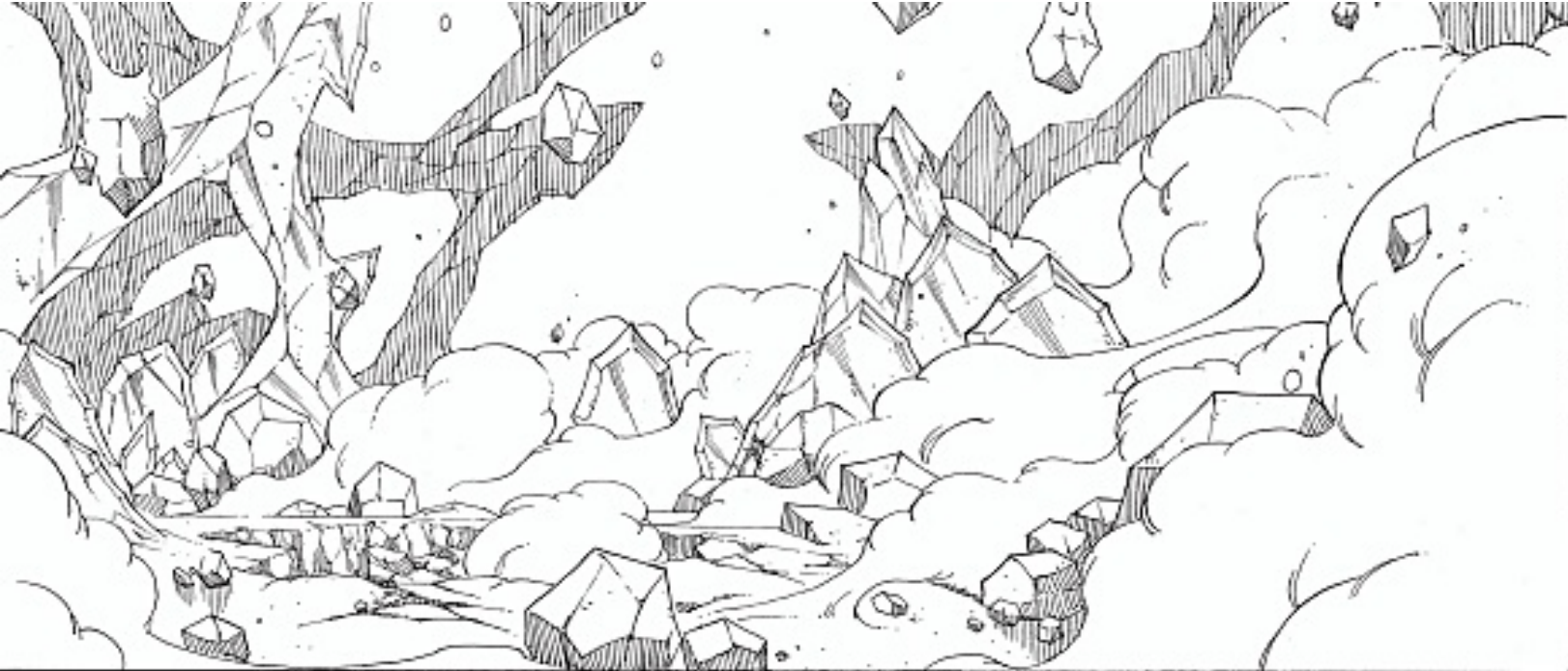
*Is
this
a
dragon
slayer?
!!!!*

HARRY HILL



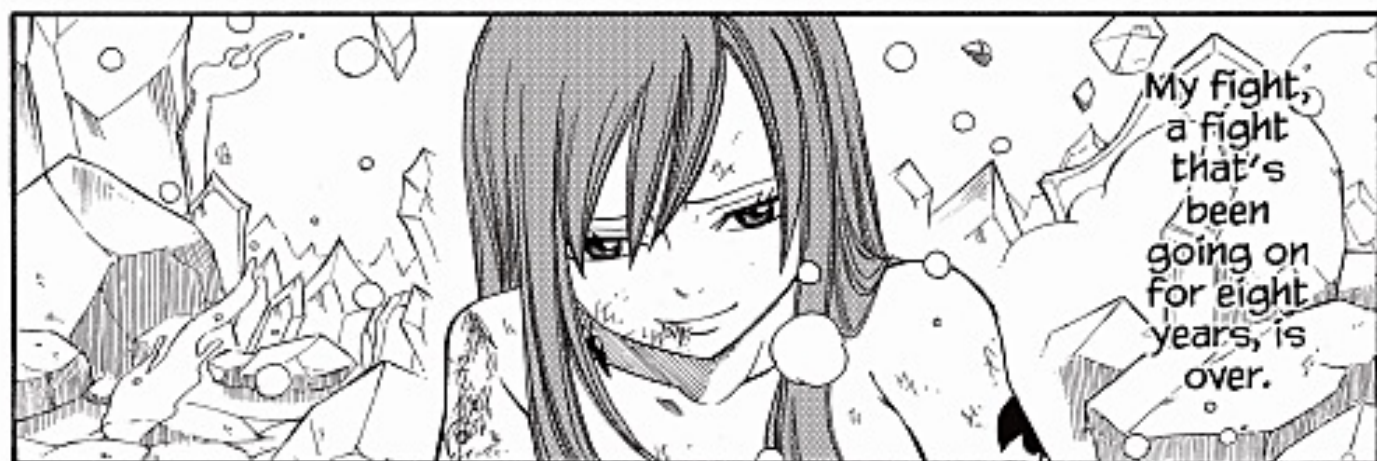
**Chapter 99:
Titania Falls**



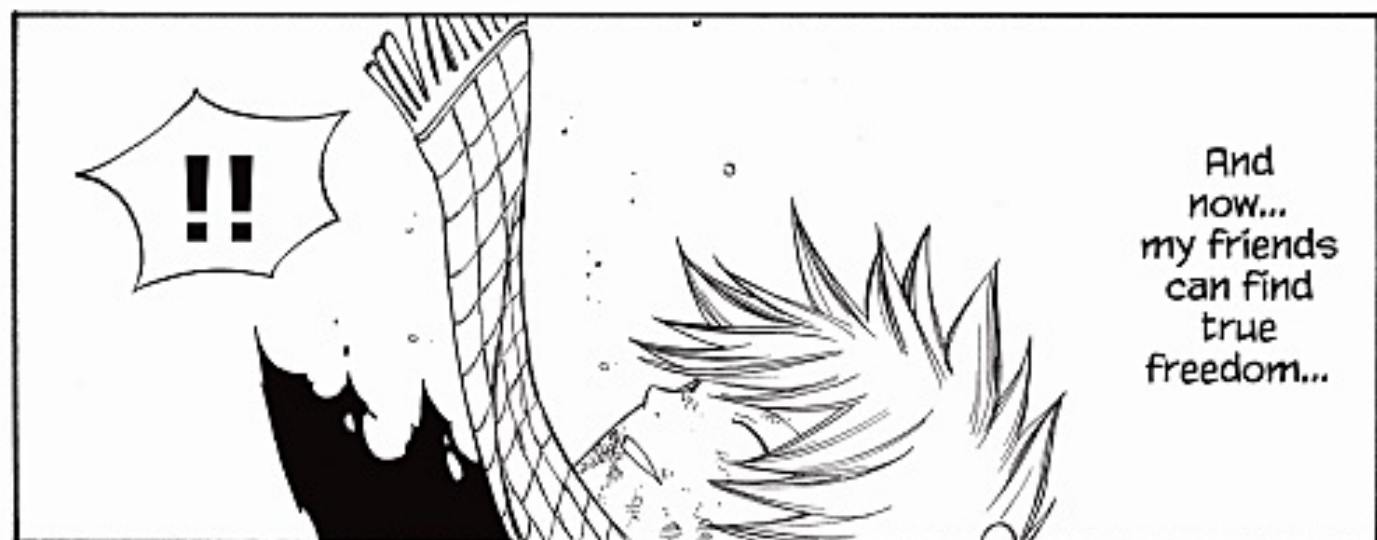




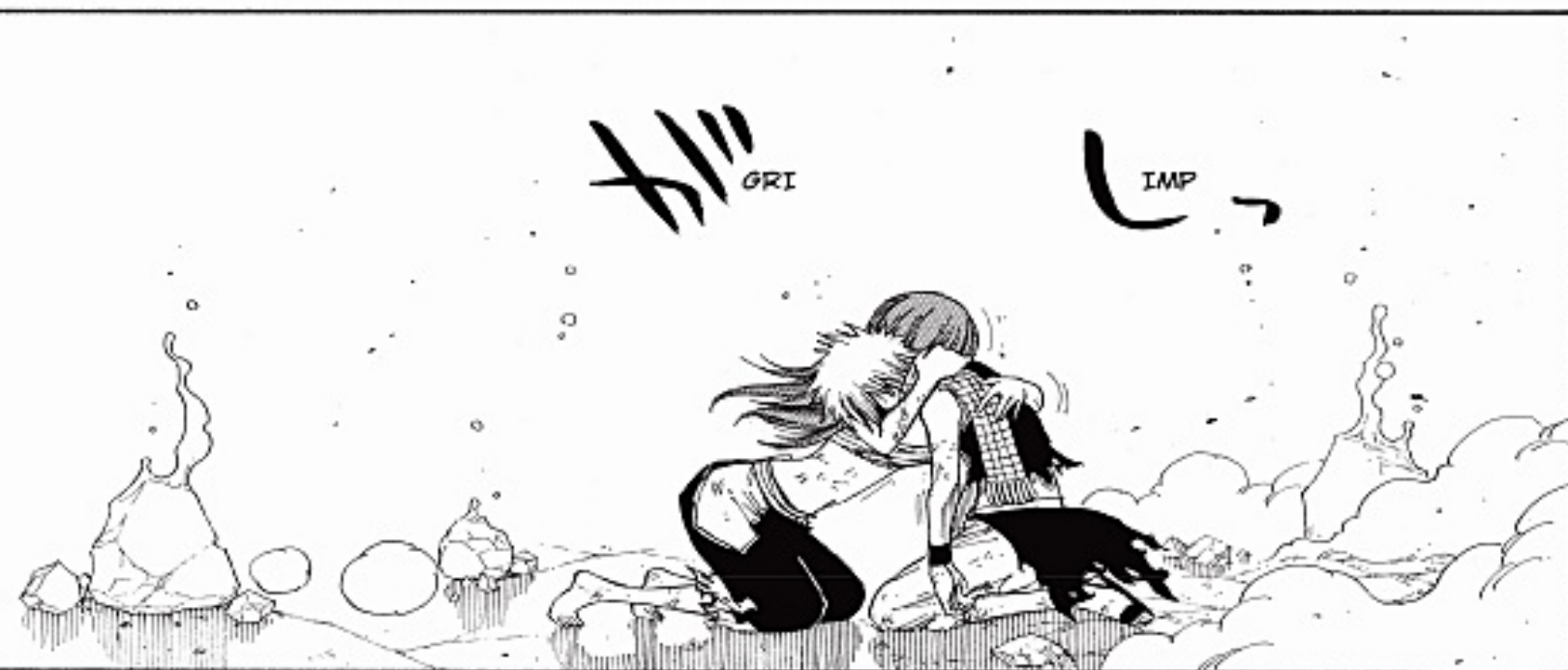
He
defeated
as
powerful
a man as
Jellal...



My fight,
a fight
that's
been
going on
for eight
years, is
over.



And
now...
my friends
can find
true
freedom...





What about
sis and
the others
inside?!!

Wait a
second!!
With us this
close, we're
going to—

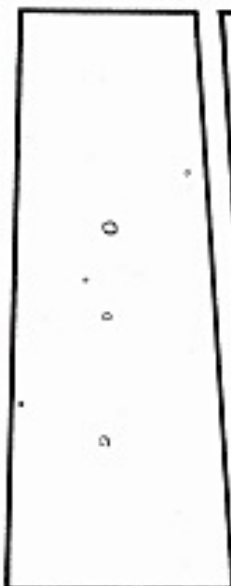
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bursting
out and
causing
an explo-
sion...

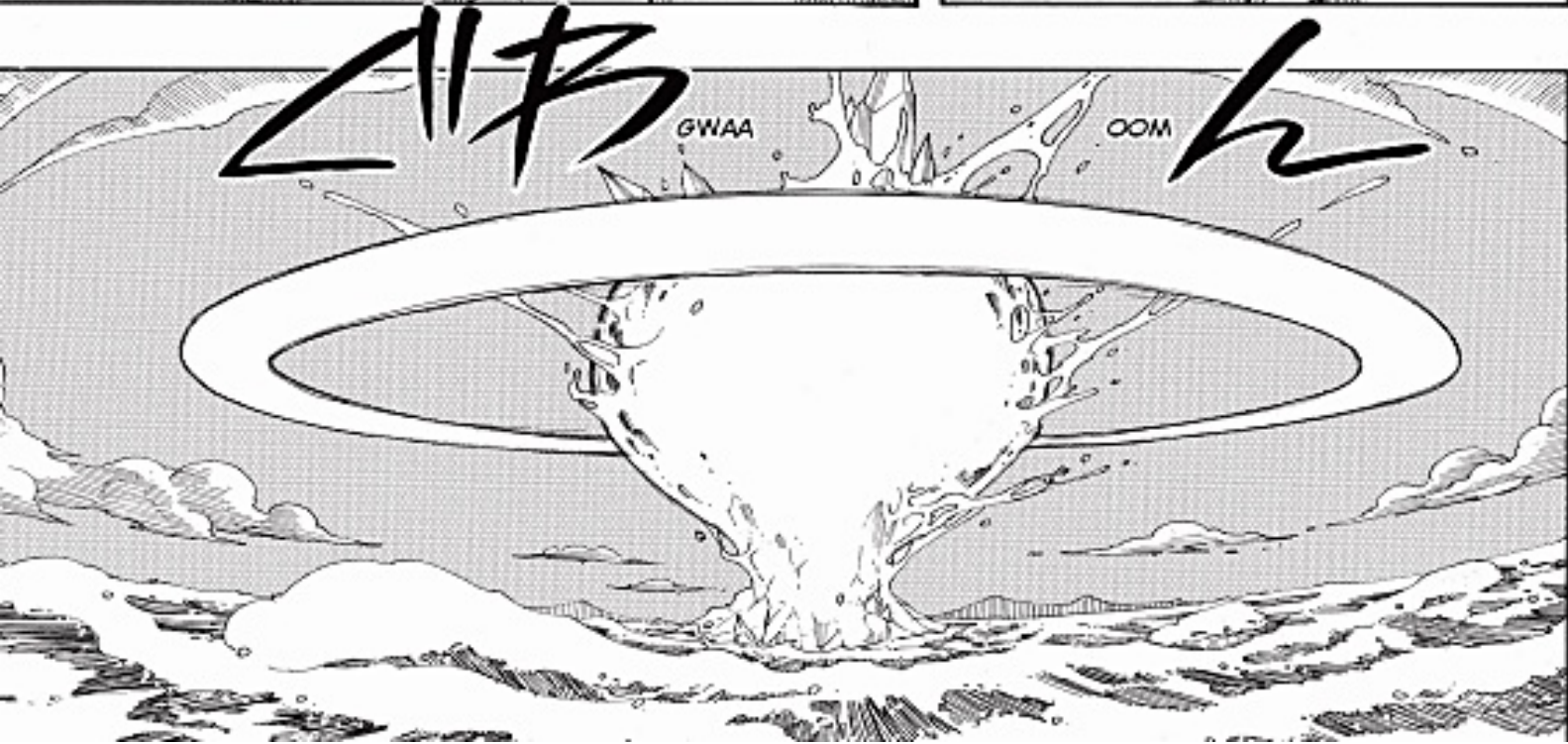
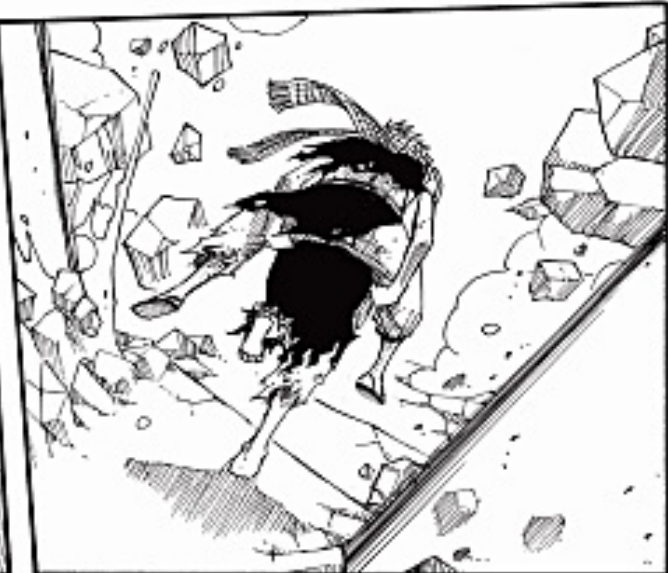
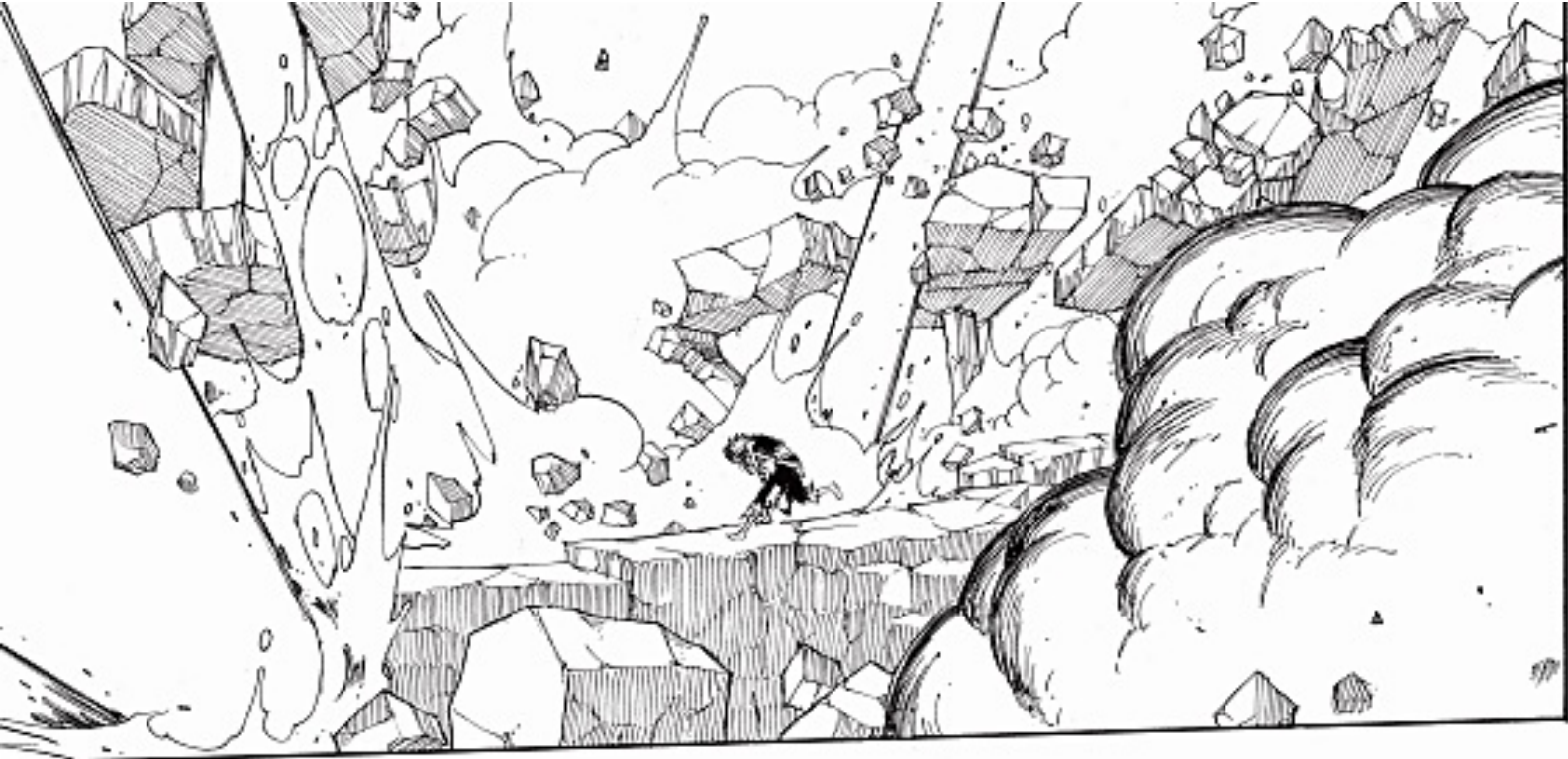
It's a tidal
wave of
magical
power with
no place
to go...

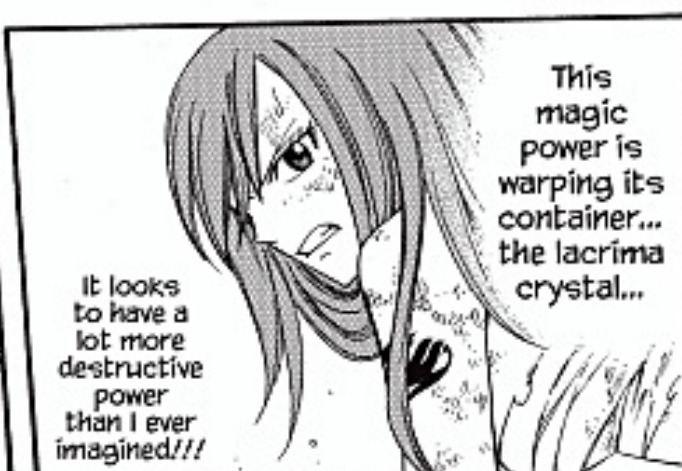
We're in
danger
here...

There's
something
more urgent
than who can
be rescued
and who
can't...

... of
complete
destruc-
tion!!!











"Fuse?"

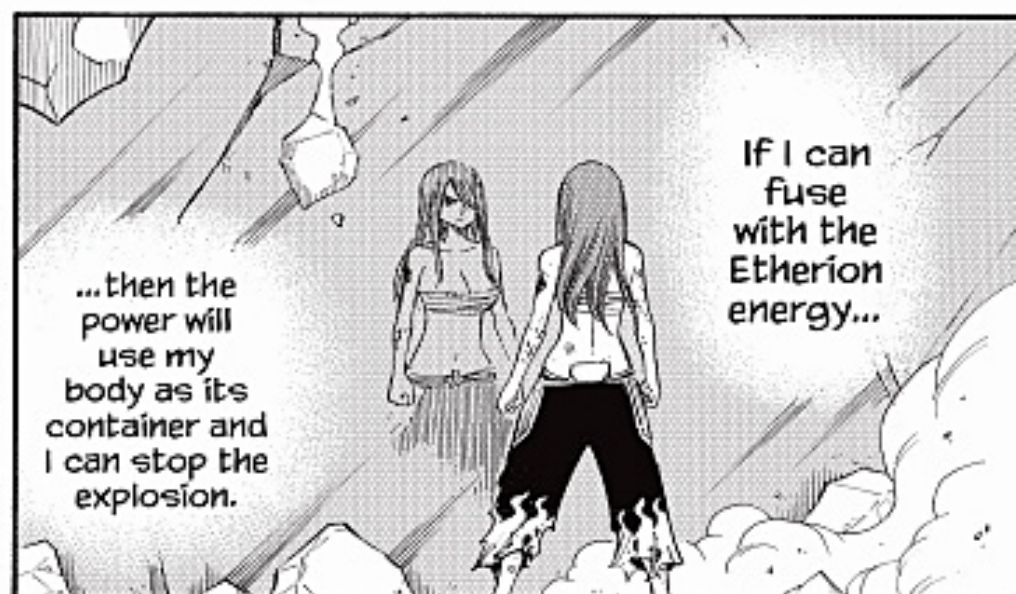


"And it will break down your body into its smallest components only to reform as Zeref's body."

"That 270 million eia of magical power stored in the lacrima will fuse with your body."



I'll just have to risk it!!!!



...then the power will use my body as its container and I can stop the explosion.

If I can fuse with the Etherion energy...



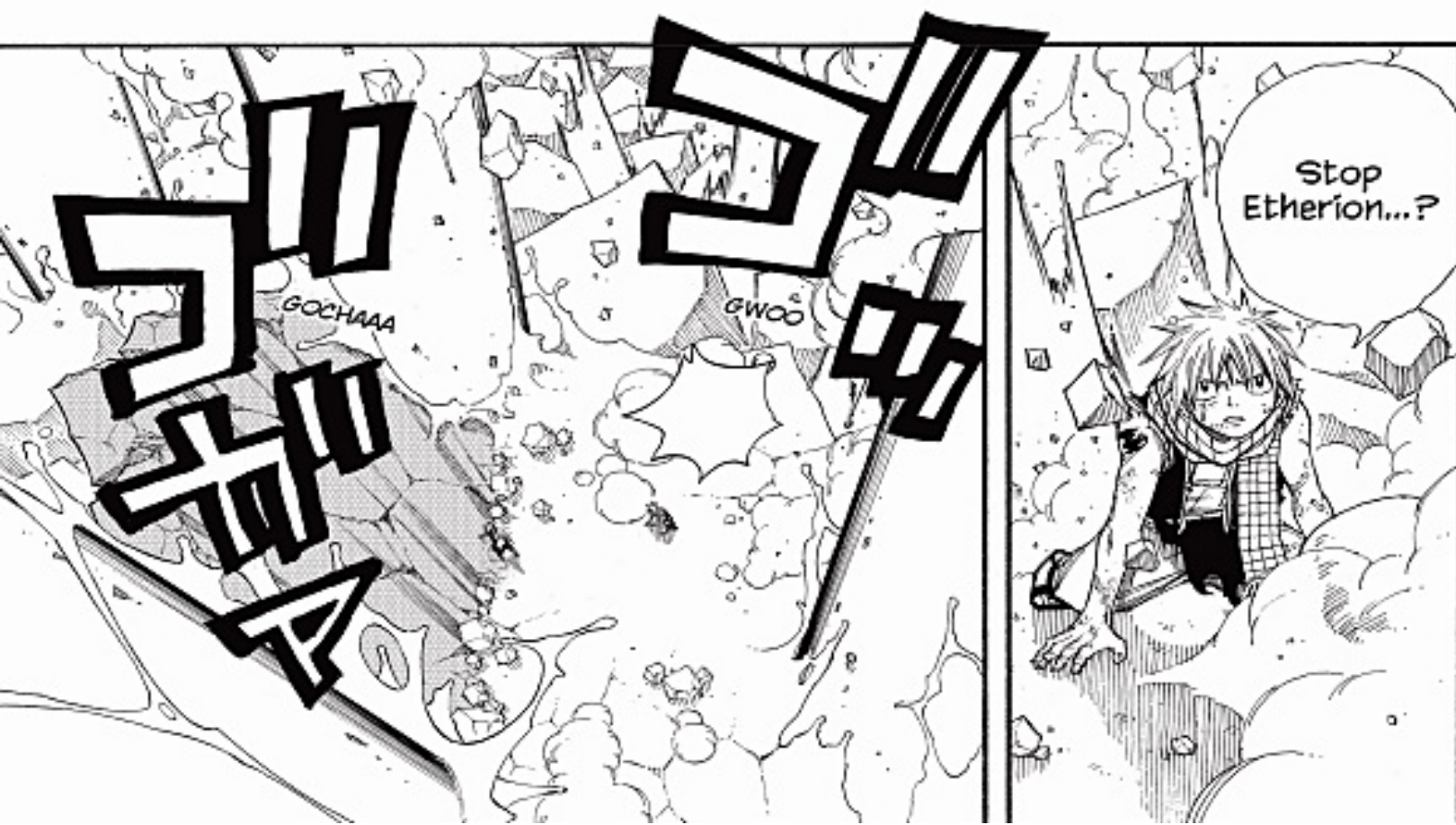
Good!!!
The lacrima crystal is allowing my body inside!!!

Errnn...



ZUPUNNA

Arrg!!!



**Don't
be stupid!!!
If you do that,
you'll—!!!**



But if
I can fuse
with Etherion,
I may be able
to absorb the
energy...



Pretty
soon, Etherion
will go out of
control and
destroy the
tower in a huge
explosion.



**Stop
it!!!
Erza!!!**



Natsu...



**Don't
do
it!!!**



Don't
worry! I'll
figure out a
way to stop
it...



I can't
even
imagine
life
without my
friends.



If it
weren't for
Fairy Tail,
I wouldn't
have been
able to
go on.

*... as
important
as the
whole
world.*



*To
me, you
guys
are...*





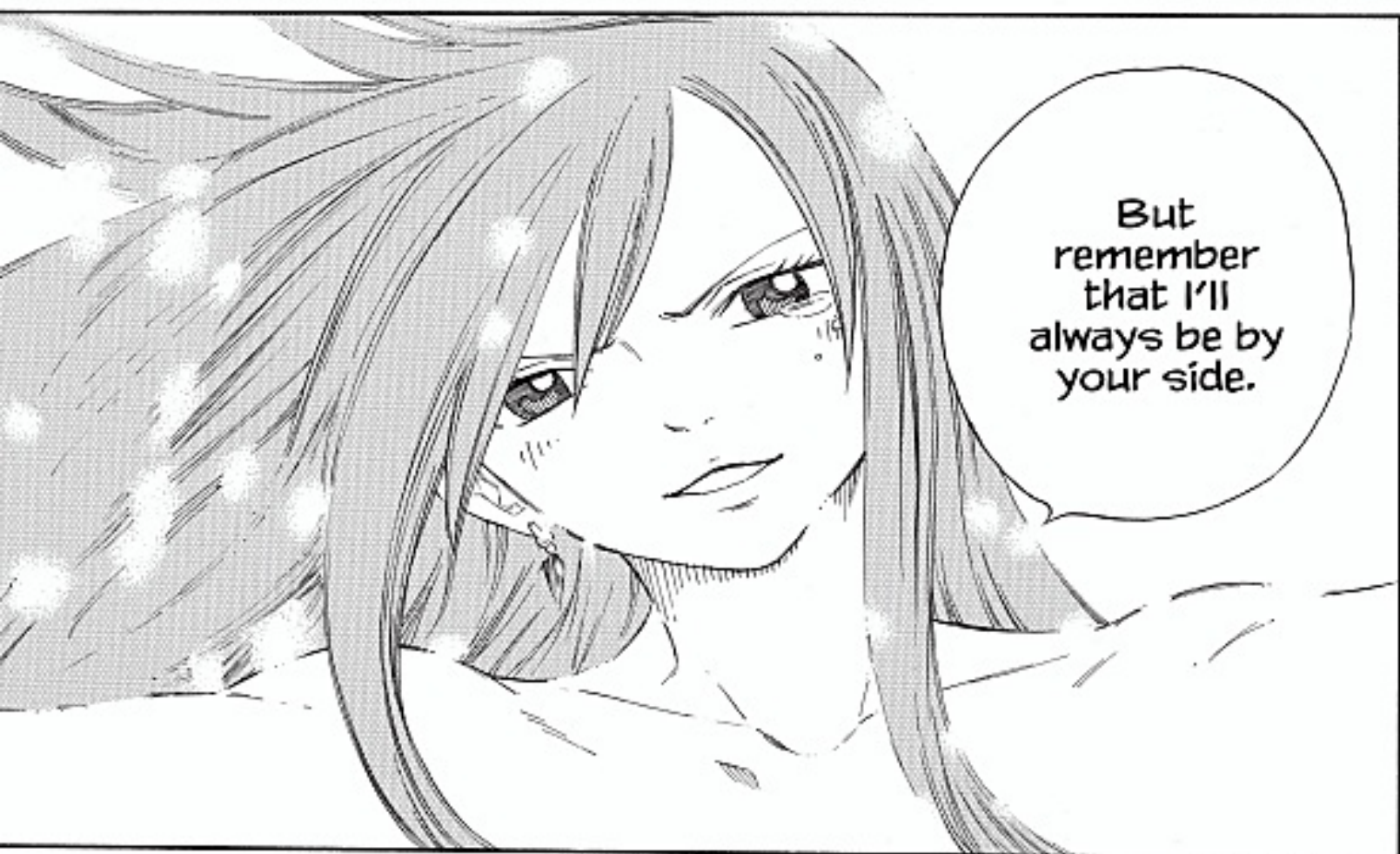
Natsu...

...take
care of
everyone
for me.



Come
out of
there,
Erza!!!!

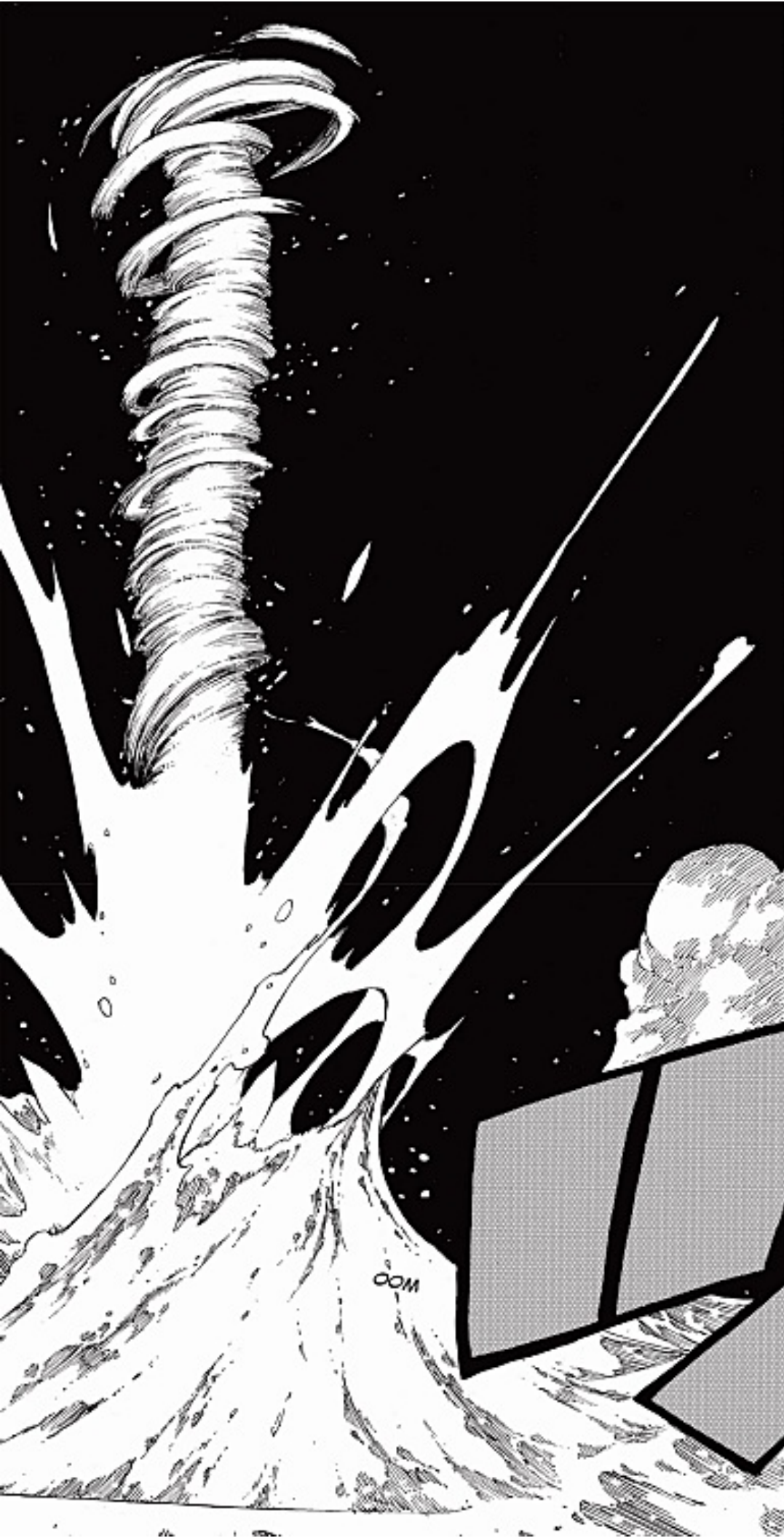
Erza
!!!!



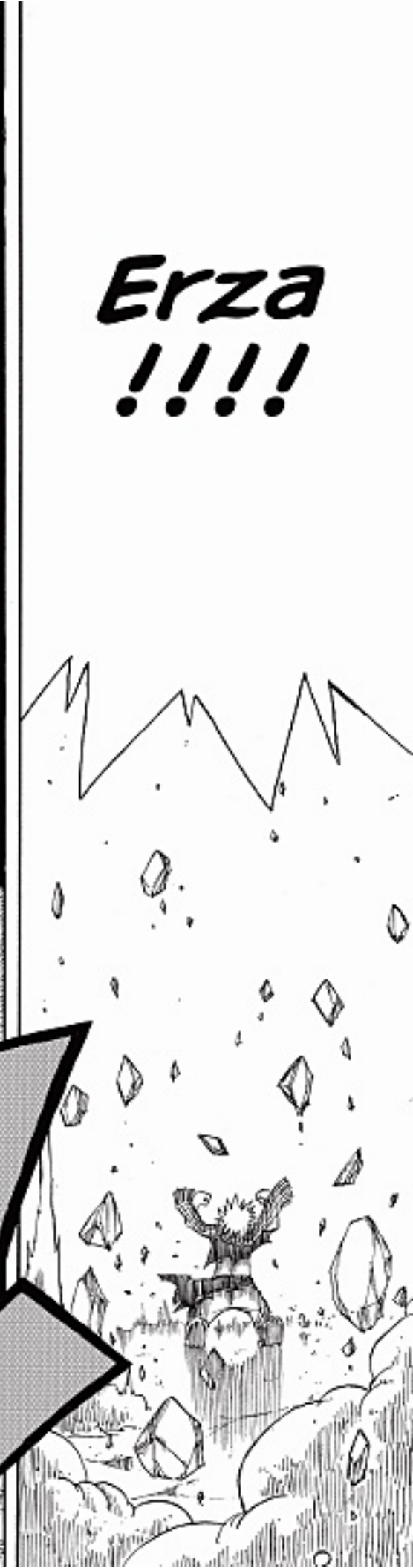
But
remember
that I'll
always be by
your side.

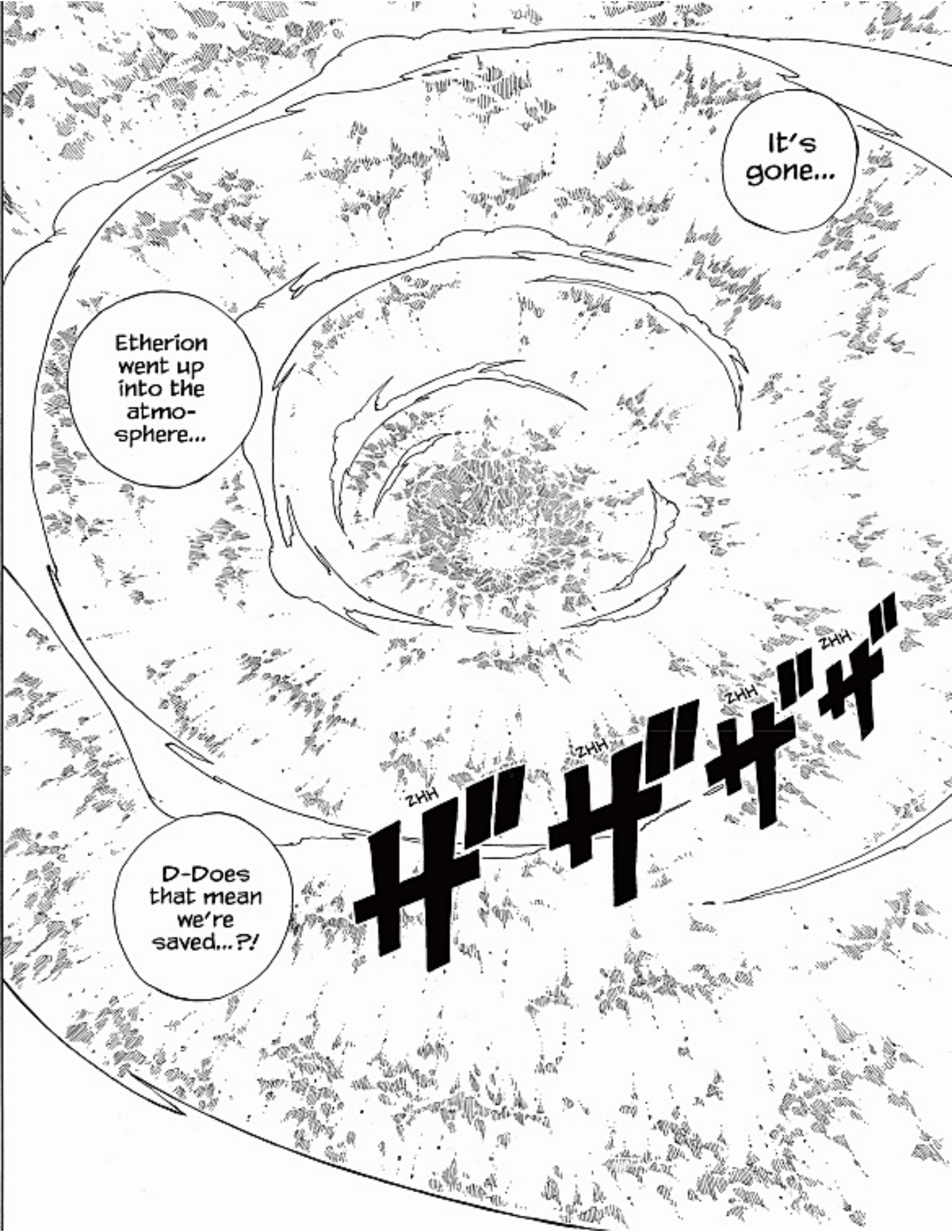






Erza
!!!!





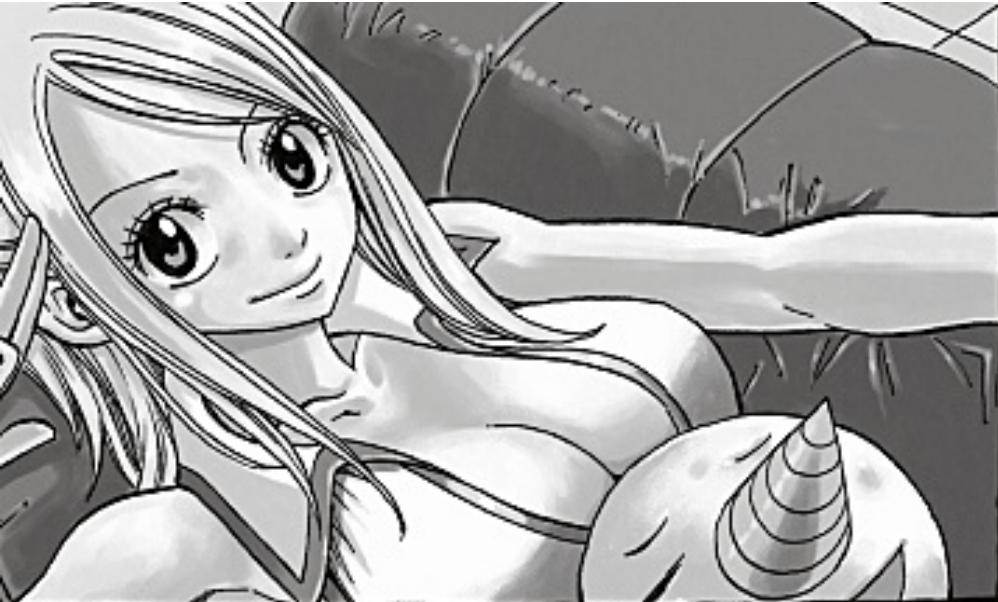
It's
gone...

Etherion
went up
into the
atmo-
sphere...

D-Does
that mean
we're
saved...?!

ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ





FAIRY TAIL

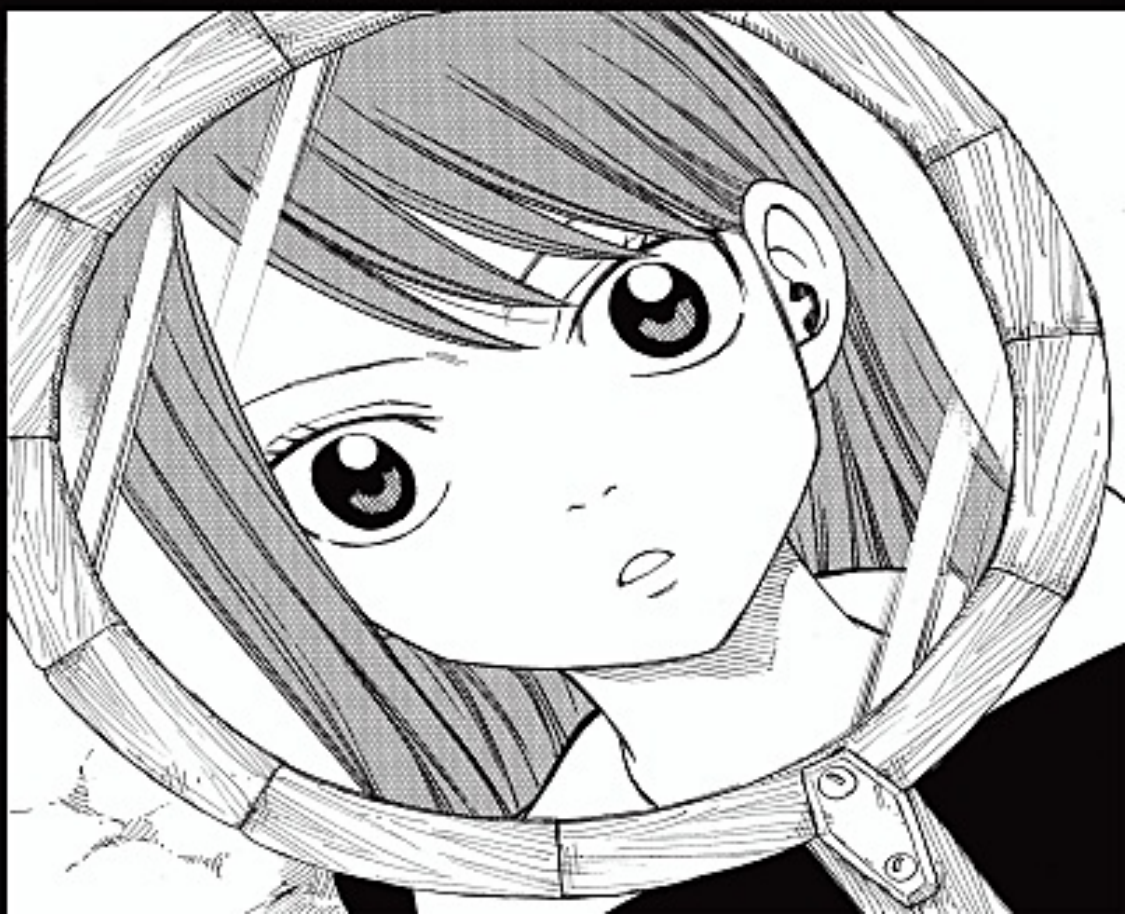
Chapter 100: To Tomorrow!





 FAIRY TAIL







You fixed it...

PLIP
PLIP



I don't like humans!

If so, then get out of here!



That shouldn't have happened...
I made no mistake mixing the medicine...

FLIP
FLIP



!

You have tears coming out of only one eye.



Huh? Now that's strange.

Hey...! Your eye...



I've already cried half a lifetime of tears anyway!

Never mind!





Where
am
I?!!

No, that
isn't it...
This place
is far
more warm...



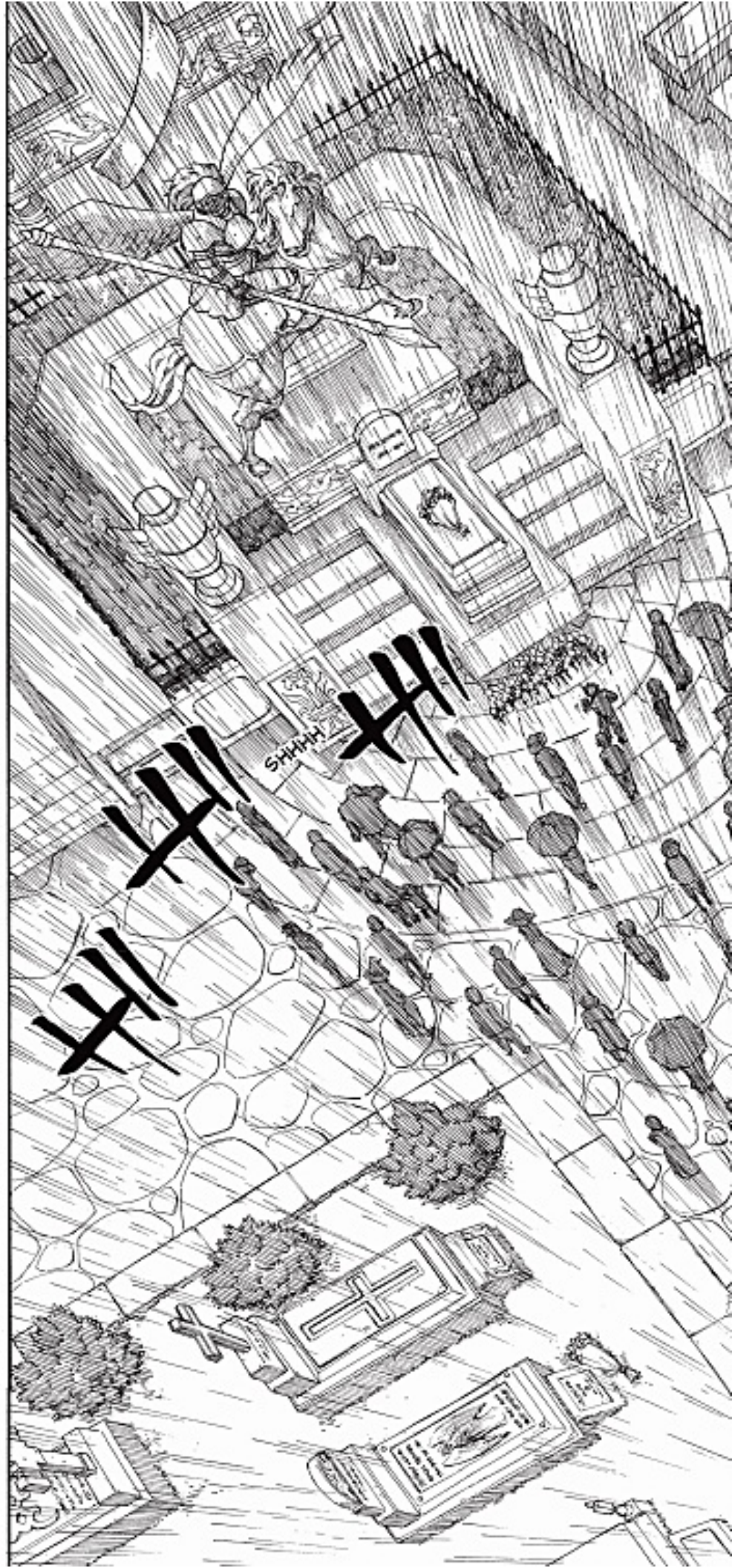
Inside
Etherion?!

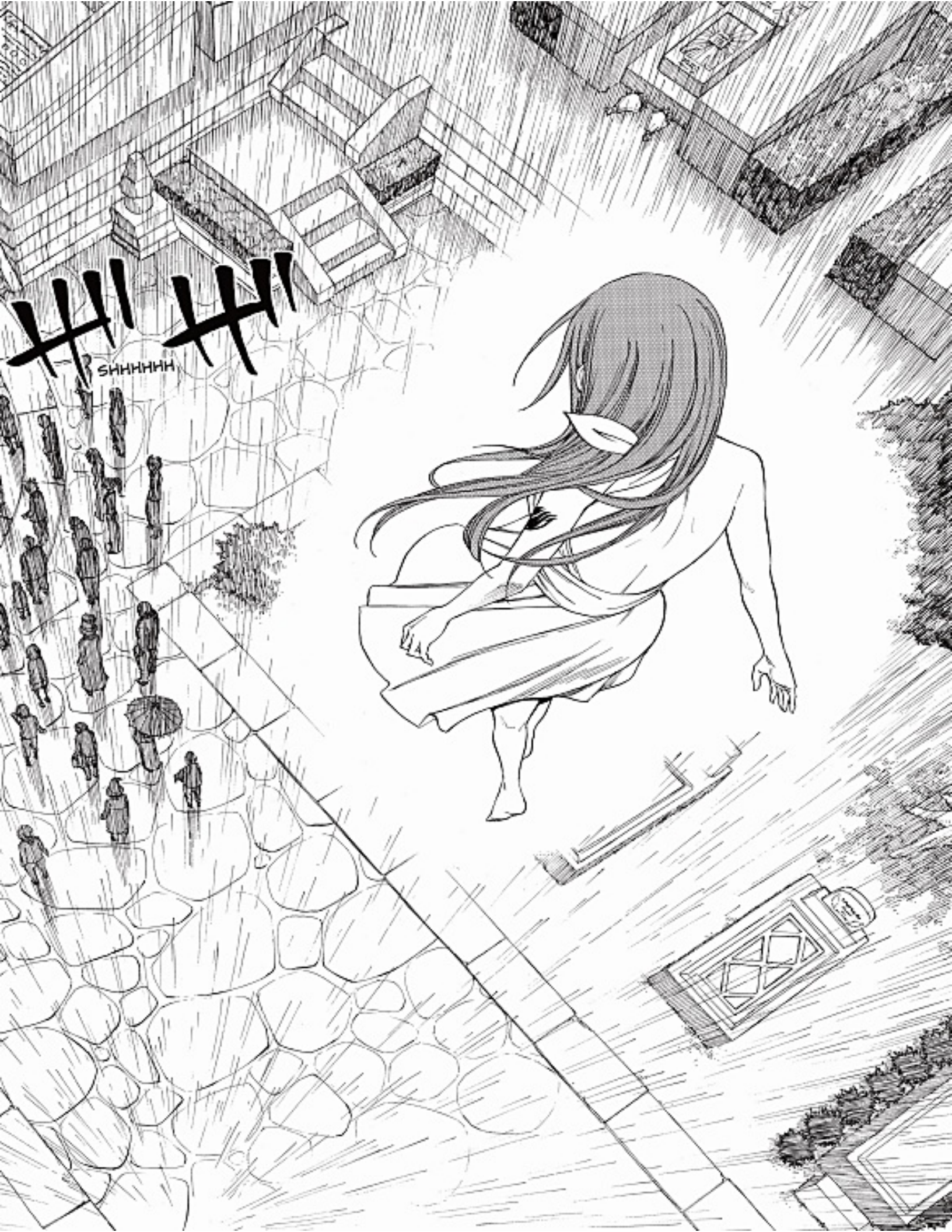
Oh!





Erza Scarlet
Rest in peace

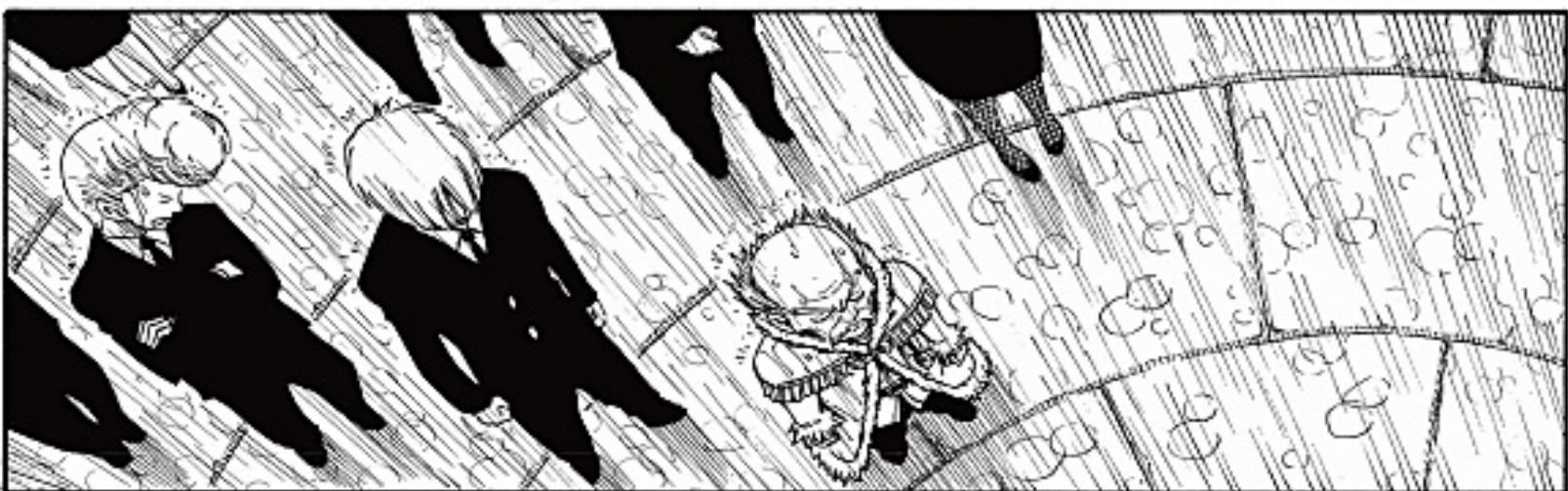




SHHHHHH



Am...



Am I
dead?

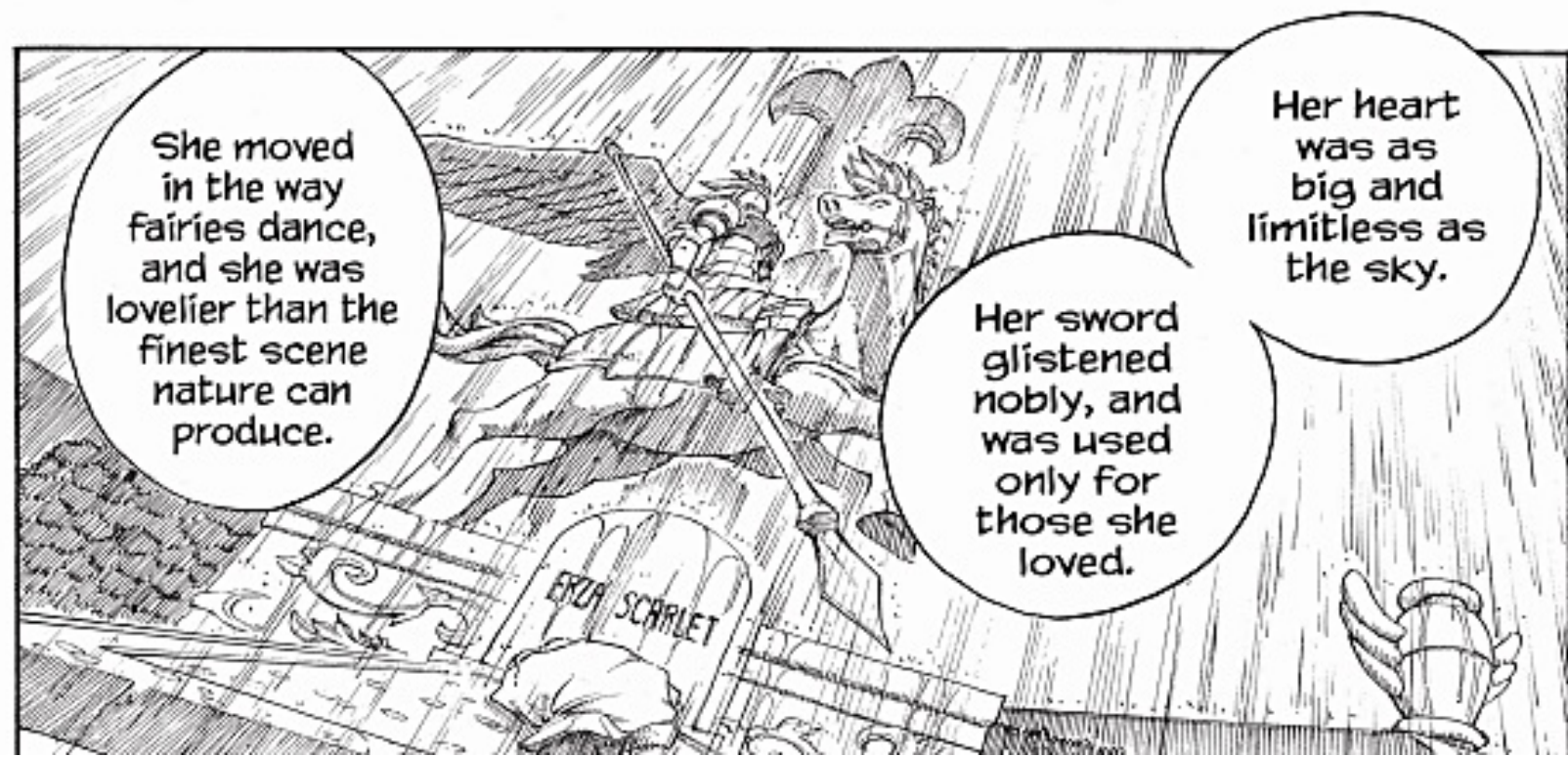


This
woman...
Erza
Scarlet...



And
she loved
us, her
friends,
as well.

...was
loved by
the gods,
and she
loved
them.



She moved
in the way
fairies dance,
and she was
lovelier than the
finest scene
nature can
produce.

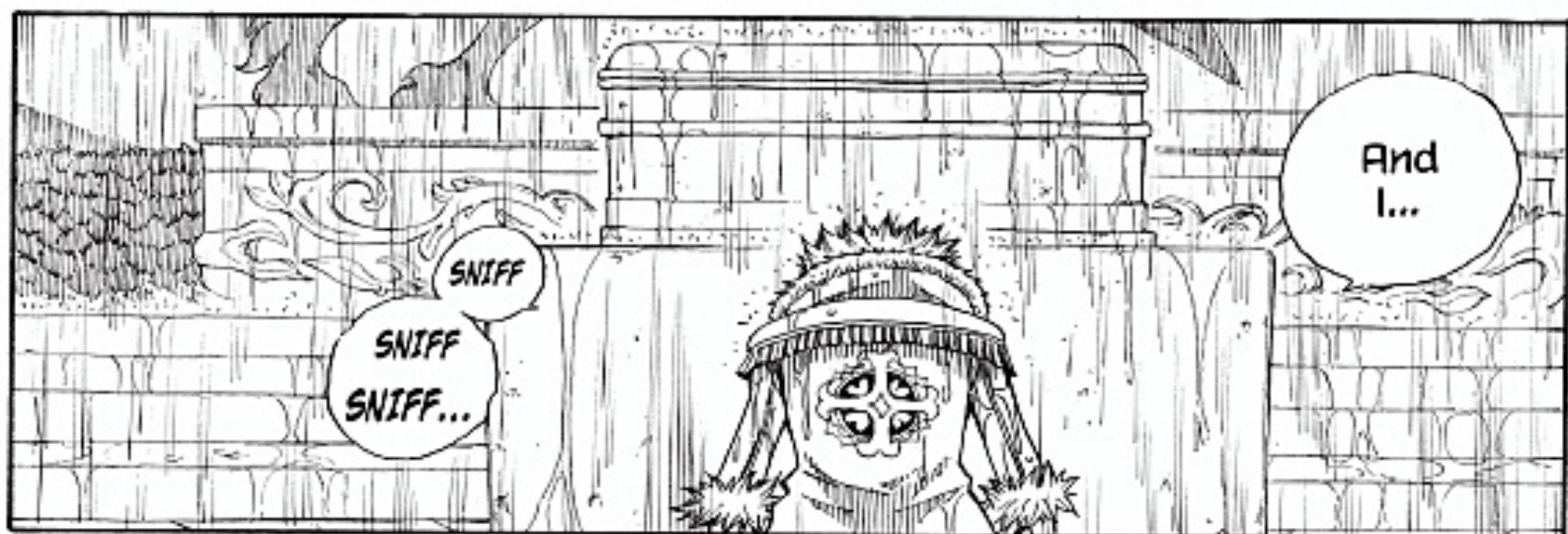
Her sword
glistened
nobly, and
was used
only for
those she
loved.

Her heart
was as
big and
limitless as
the sky.



But what
makes one
weak is
also love.

*It is
love that
makes one
strong!*



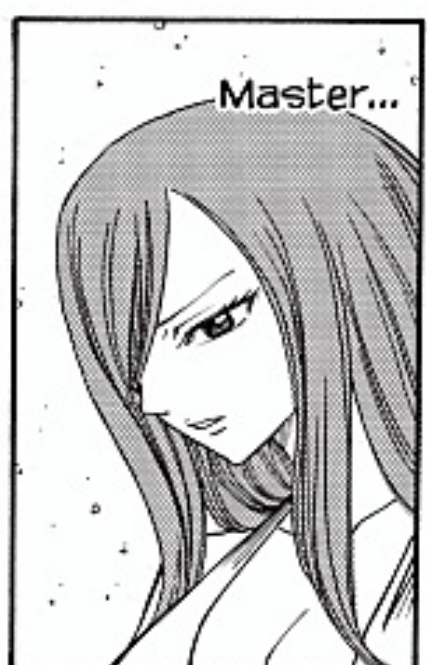
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF...

And
I...

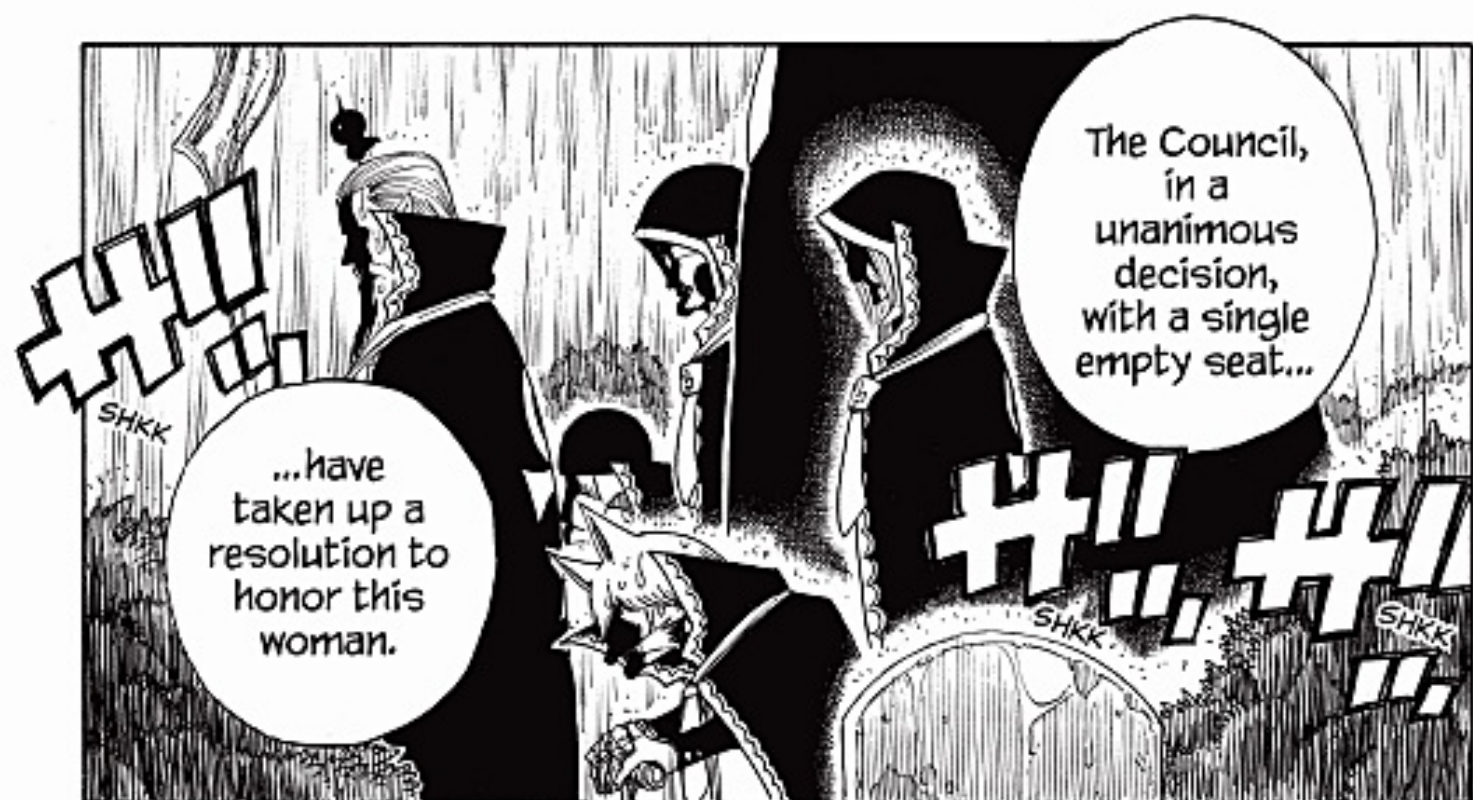


SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF

...I loved her
as a true
member
of my
family...



Master...



*We do now
declare Erza
Scarlet to
be an eternal
member of
the wizard
saints.*

SHAAAAAN

**Don't
make
me
sick!!!!**



**What is
with all
of you
guys?!!!**



Stop
that
now,
Natsu
!!!!

These
are a
waste
!!!



Natsu...



Erza
isn't
dead!!!



You
jerk!!

Natsu,
don't...



Wake up
to reality,
for pity's
sake!!!!



*She
can't
be
dead,
right?
!!!*



Please,
Natsu...
Don't!

**Erza's
still
alive
!!!!**

**Let
go
of
me
!!!!**



**I
did it...
for
Natsu's
future...**



Is
this the
future of
everyone
left
behind?



Is
this
their
future?



I just did
it so that
everybody
could smile
again...



I didn't
want to
see a
future
like
this!!



I'm
begging
you...
Please stop
crying like
that...

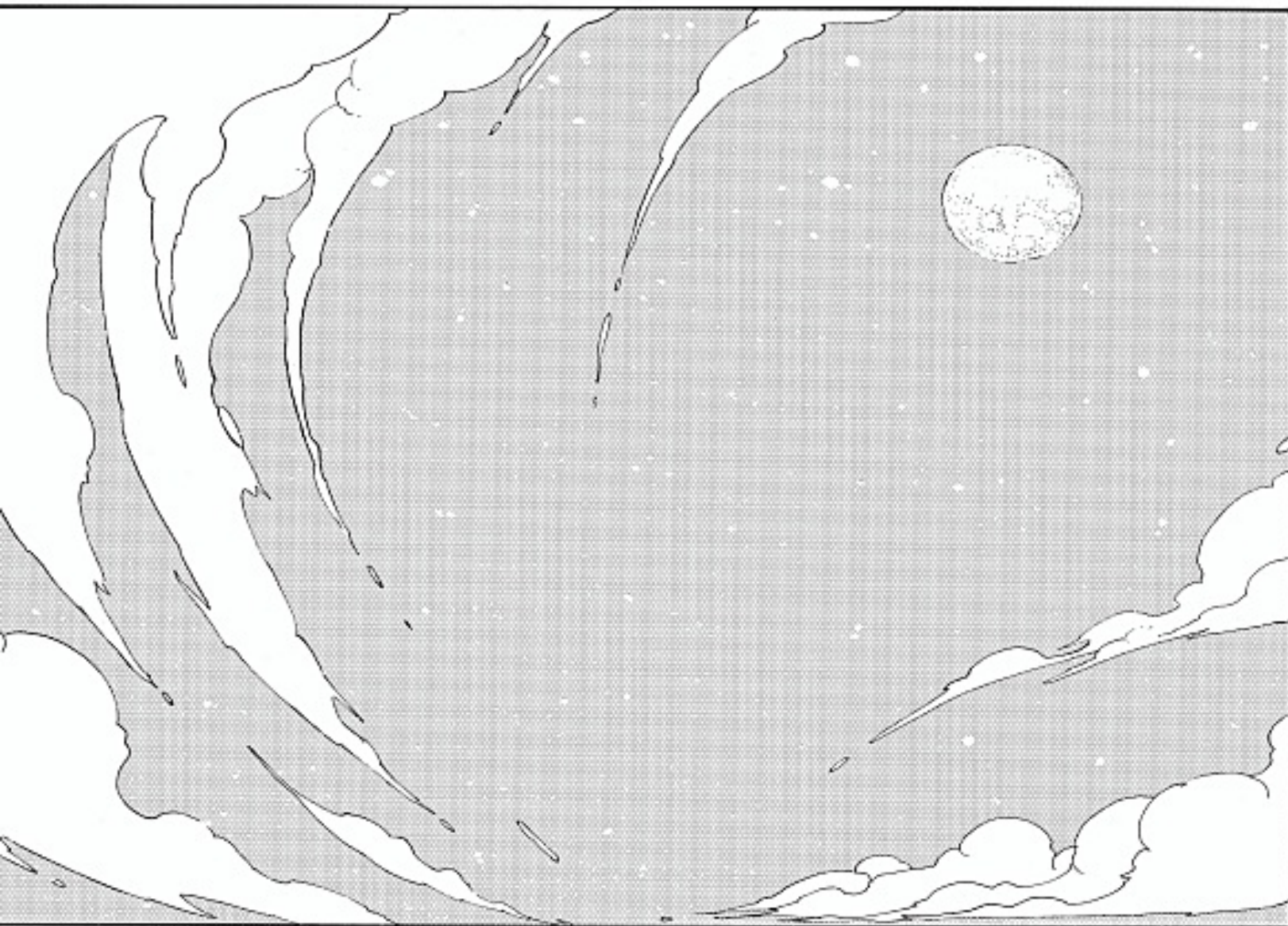
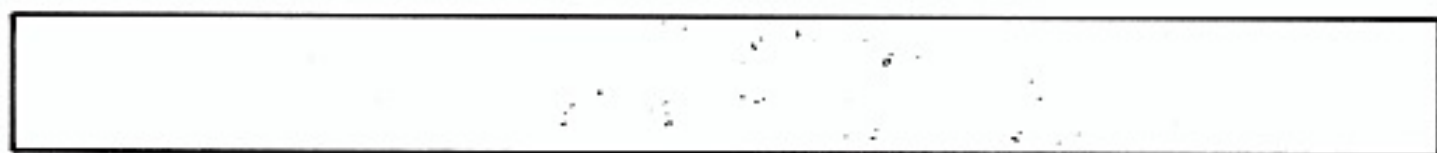


I can't...

Make it
stop!



I
can't
do
this...



SPASH SPASH SPASH

Where
am
I?!

Erza
!!!!



What did
you have
to go
worrying
us like that
for?!!



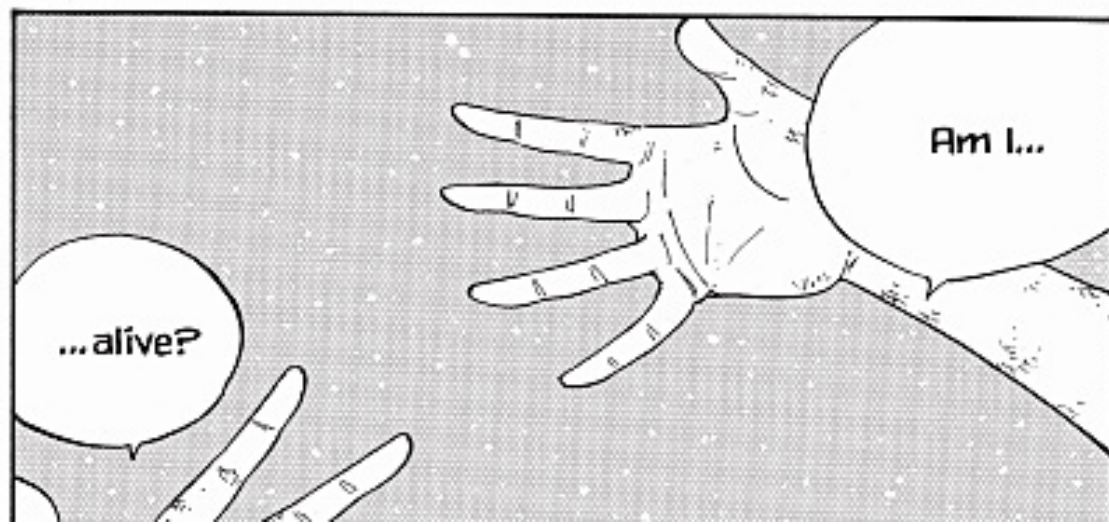
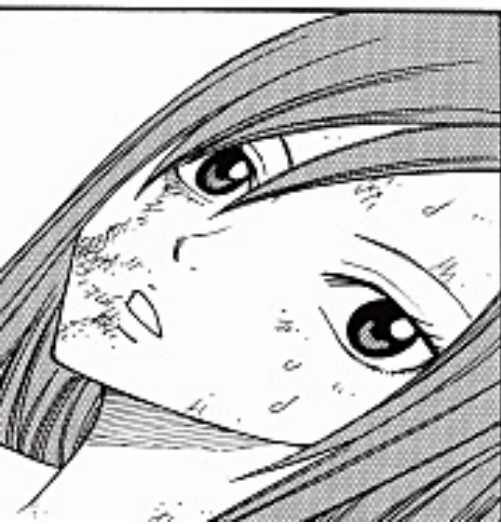
It's so
wonderful
that
you're all
right!!!!



What...
happened
here?

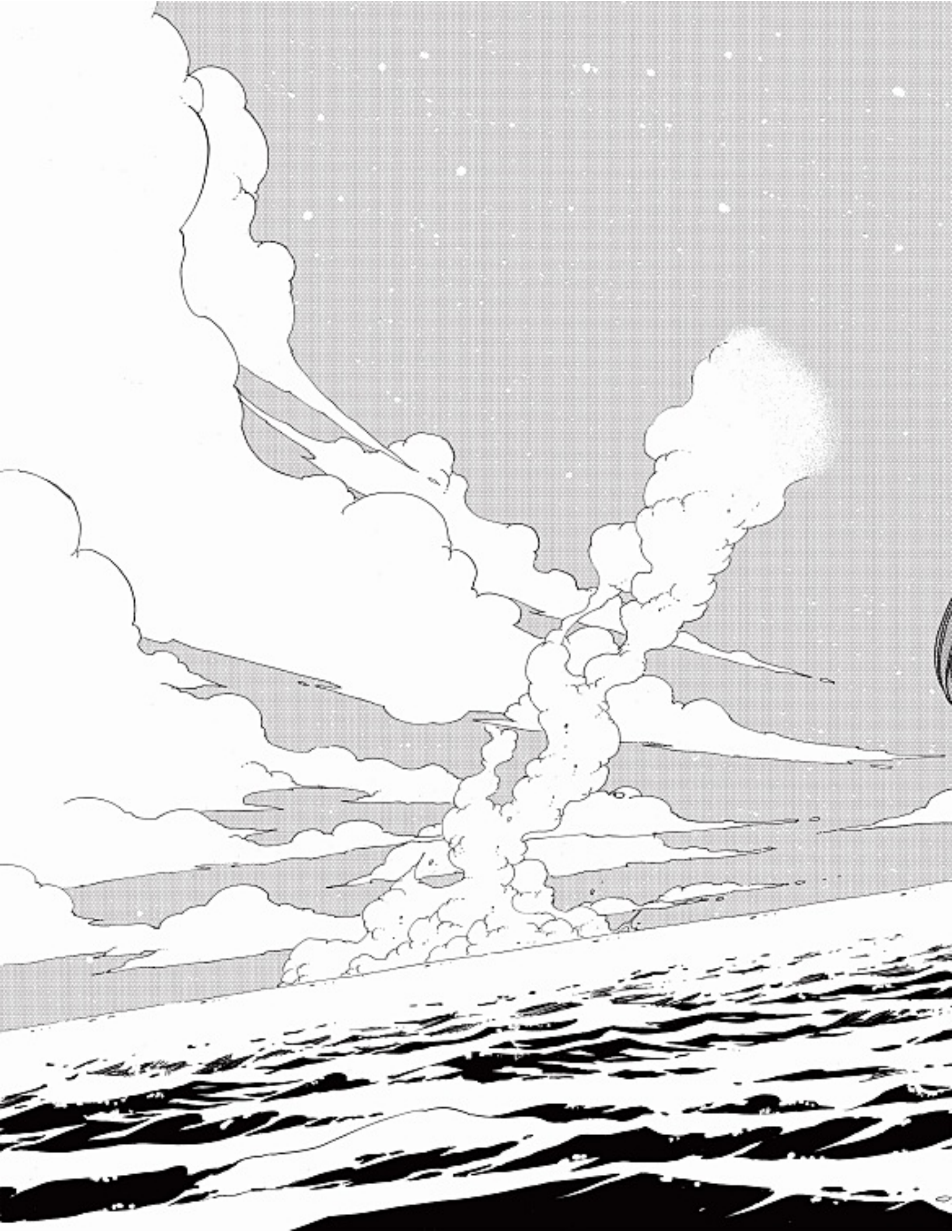


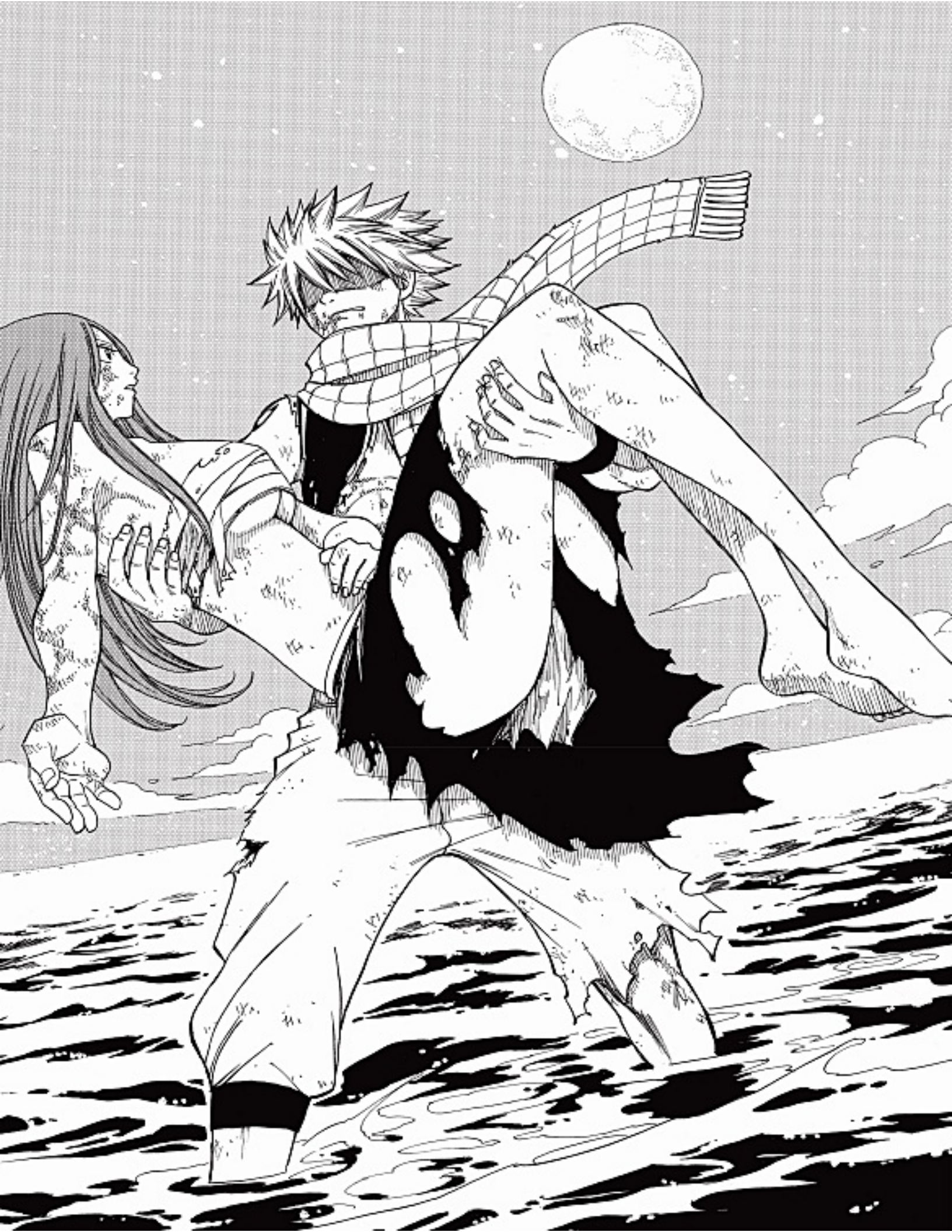
**Sis
!!!!**

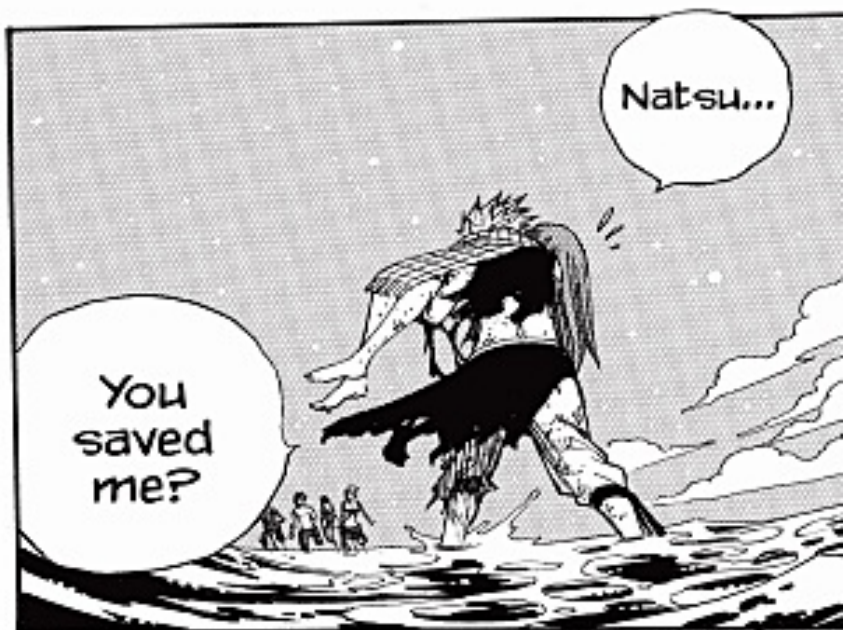


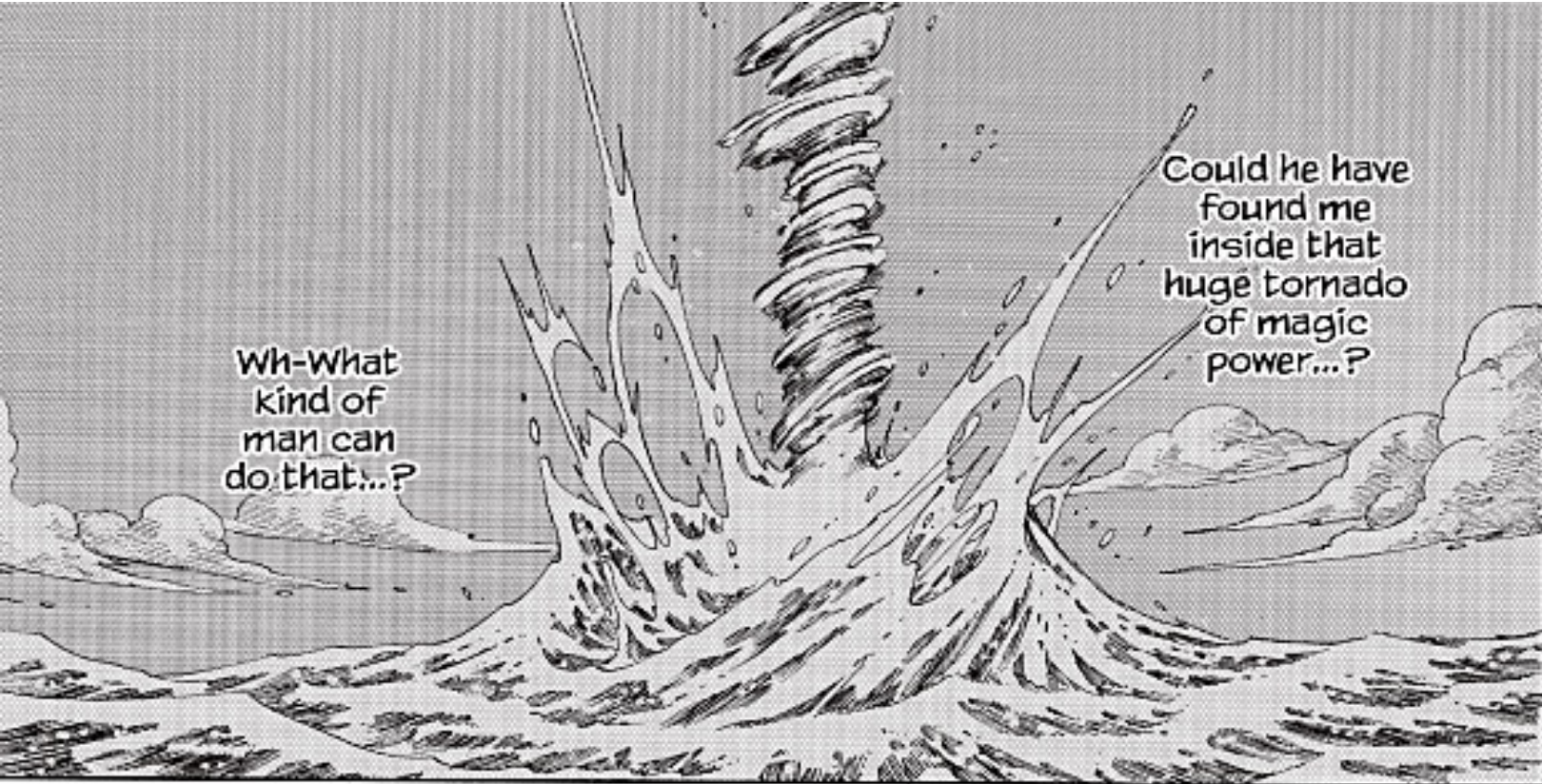
Am I...

...alive?









Wh-what
kind of
man can
do that...?

Could he have
found me
inside that
huge tornado
of magic
power...?

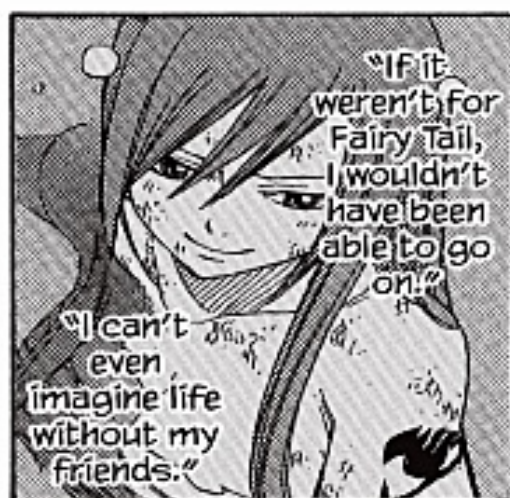


What?

It's the
same for
me.

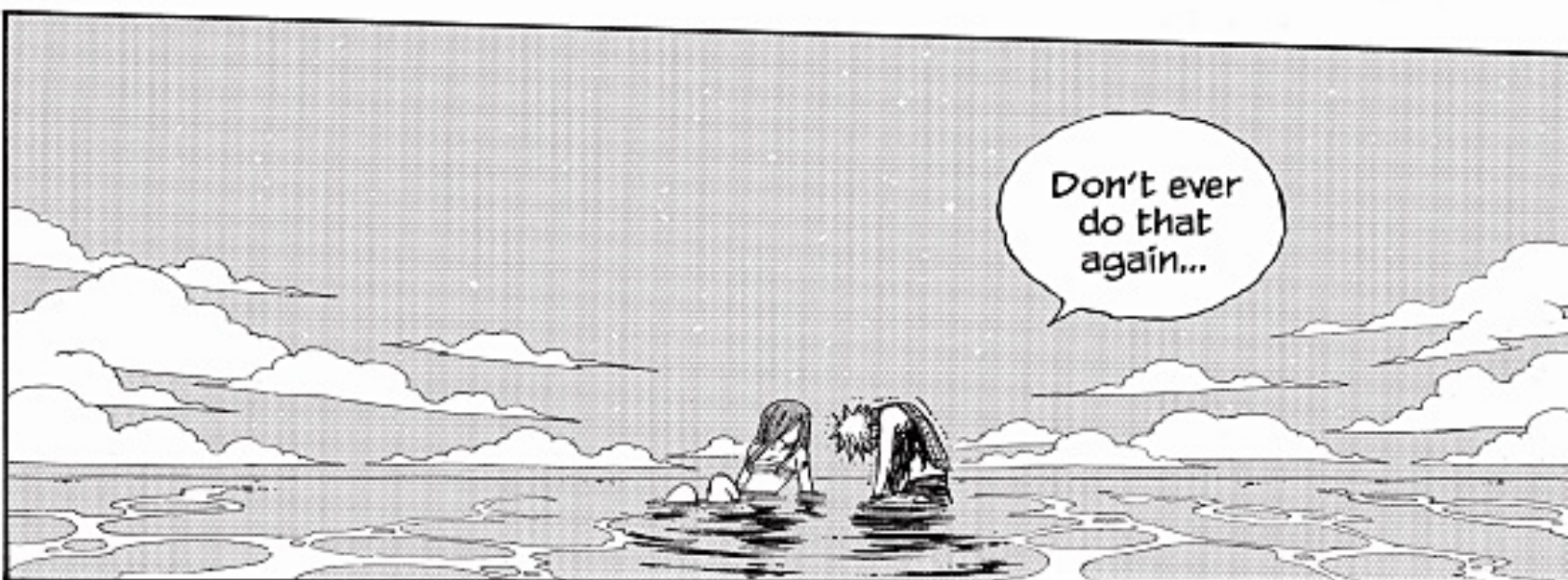


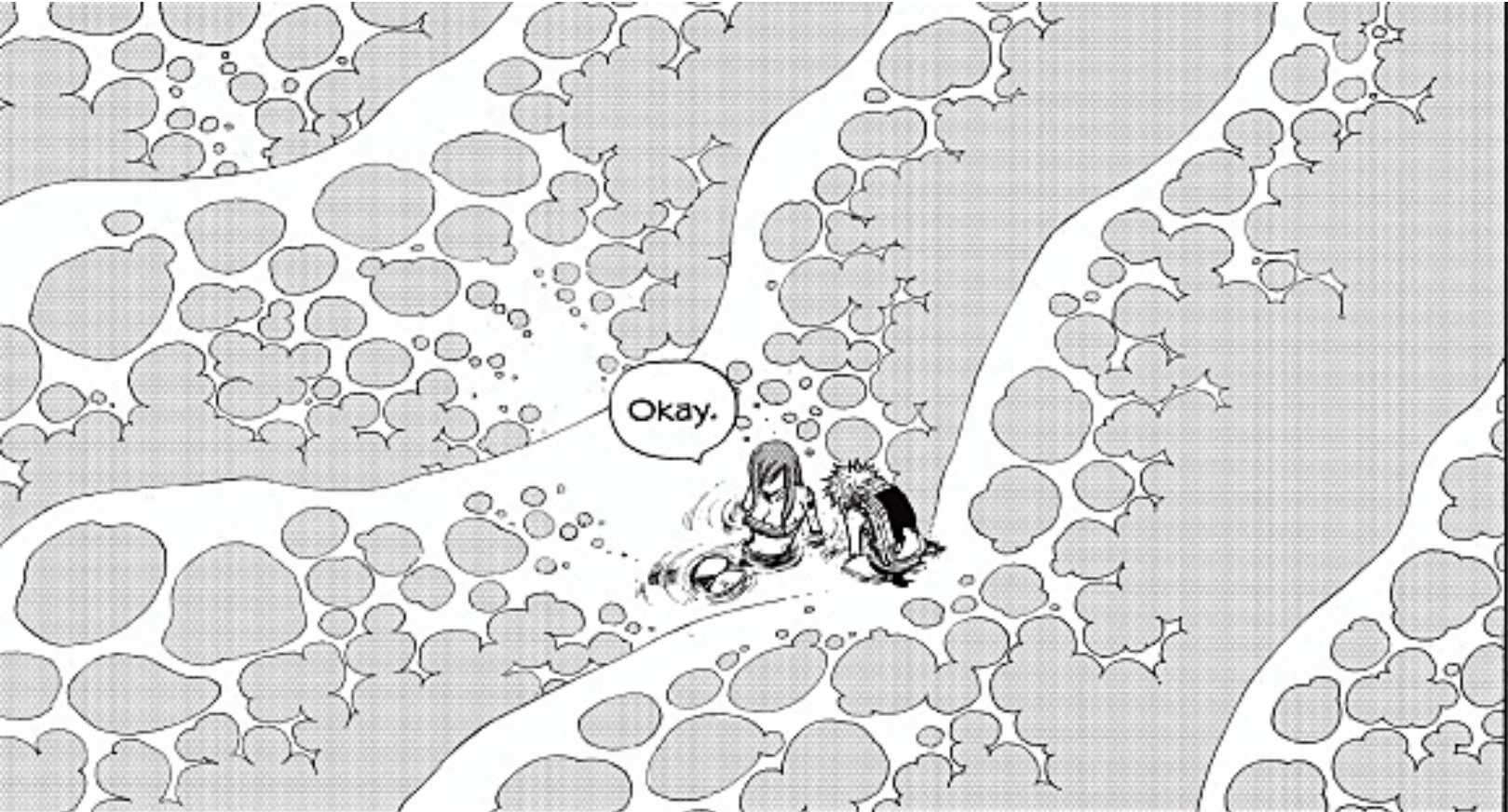
It's the
same for
all of us...



"If it
weren't for
Fairy Tail,
I wouldn't
have been
able to go
on!"

"I can't
even
imagine life
without my
friends."





Because that
is the path
that leads
to a happy
future...

TO BE CONTINUED

FAIRY TAIL





From the Counter at Fairy Tail...



: Moun•tain•li•on•ponnn!!!



: What's that supposed to be?

Lucy: I thought the phrase would catch on. You know, something to get the people energized!

Moun•tain•li•on•ponnn!!!

Mira: You know, I really doubt it's going to catch on.

Lucy: You're probably right.

Mira: And...straight to the first question.

That scar on Natsu's neck... What's it from?



Lucy: We get this question a lot!

Mira: That's true...I think it's the most common question.

Lucy: But I've got to say that I'm amazed at how observant some people are!

Mira: What amazes me is with all those letters, we're only getting around to it now...



: It's probably because the author hasn't thought up the answer yet, right?



: That certainly is one possibility...

Lucy: Huh? What? You're saying there's some big secret behind it?

Mira: Anyway, the editor put in a word of advice on this, and taking that advice to heart, this matter is a s•e•c•r•e•t! ♡



: I get the feeling that we didn't do anything to answer the question...

Lucy: So, on to the next question.

Those suits of Erza's armor that were cut to pieces, are they gone forever? I really loved the fire empress armor...



Lucy: The fire empress armor. It certainly is popular, isn't it?

Mira: Of course! It's Erza in twin ponytails!

Lucy: And the extremely high leg lines.

Mira: If she sends it out for repairs, she can get it fixed, right?

Lucy: Is *that* your answer?!!

Continued on the right-hand page.

Mira: Next question!

If Shô was stuck in the tower all that time, why is he so suntanned?



: There it is!! The question that points out problems with the whole setup!!



: The answer must be that he wasn't inside the tower for that entire time.

Lucy: You...think so?

Mira: He made it all the way to the hotel on Akane Beach, right? He must have had a little bit of freedom.

Lucy: I got it!! Shô-kun was the only one allowed to work on the tower's walls!! That's why he's so tanned!



: All right!! We've solved it!!



: "Solved it?" I just made a wild guess and threw it out for consideration...

Mira: With that, we come to the final question!

What the heck is a Unison Raid?



Lucy: I don't really know myself. It just happened by coincidence at the time...If we were asked to do it again, I don't think we could.

Mira: A Unison Raid is what it sounds like. It's an attack where two different types of magic become one, raising the attack level to one much higher than it would be if both were cast at the same enemy separately.

Lucy: Woow!! I did something really incredible, didn't I?



: They say that for all the recorded Unison Raids up to now, it could only happen between two friends so close they could almost read each other's thoughts. And even then, it's difficult.

Lucy: "Friends"...huh? Well, we can't claim that, but at the time...I'm sure that we really accepted each other on a very deep level, huh?



: No, it was simply coincidence! Stomp, stomp, stomp....



:



: After you went and said something that sounded cool.

Lucy:

Mira: Oh, dear! What is the matter? Lucy's frozen up like a statue!

Lucy:



: Okay, everybody! See you in the next volume!! Moun•tain•li•on•ponnn!!!



: Hey!! That's my line!!!

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FAIRY GUILD



Gifu Prefecture, Yuki Mori

► Art from a Mirajane rooster!! You can see her in every Question Corner.



Gifu Prefecture, Yuki

► Loke!! He hasn't had much of a part lately, but he'll show up again! Watch for him, fans!



Yamaguchi Prefecture, I ♡ 59

► Extremely well done! It's like Lucy's face has a wonderful individuality to it!



Iwate Prefecture, Saaya

► Everybody pose for the picture!!! You really went for it! Thanks for drawing all of those characters!



Shizuoka Prefecture, Okara-Y

► A little Mirajane-chan! This kind of image is pretty rare!



Gifu Prefecture, Shōgo Hazanaka



Yamaguchi Prefecture, Ken Nakamura

IT'S
OLD-MAN
CRUX'S
TIME

NOW!!!

Hokkaido, Zeek



BURY
ME
IN THE
REJECTED
WORKS
!!

D-Did this scene really have that much impact on the readers? Or was this all sent by people in the same family?

TAIL

d'ART

The *Fairy Tail* Guild d'Art is an explosion of fan art! Please send in your black-and-white art!! Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster!! ♪
Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your postcard!



Kumamoto Prefecture, Hideyo Noguchi

▶ You realize that Karuga is the name of a bird, right? Fukuro (Ow) and Taka (Hawk) are just as their names say.



Gunma Prefecture, STM

▶ Whoa! Was Elfman ever looking this cool?!



Kagoshima Prefecture, Mai Nishimura

▶ This is a really great smile on Natsu! Just between you and me, Natsu's eyes are a little more catlike than most of the other characters.



Fukushima Prefecture, Erumo

▶ Uwa ha ha ha ha!! This is incredibly good!! What is it? What makes it so cute?!!



Tōyama Prefecture, Tomoyo

▶ Oooh!! If I ever actually come across a scene like this, I may be forced to do whatever the person wants!!



Saitama Prefecture, Maccha

▶ Huh? It looks like everybody's paired off into couples...

● By sending in letters or postcards you give us permission to give your name, address, postal code and any other information you include to the author as is. Please keep that in mind.



Saitama Prefecture, Leona

▶ Unyoooo!! Everybody's in high-school uniforms!! This kind of picture could be turned into a key holder!

About the Creator

HIRO MASHIMA was born May 3, 1977, in Nagano Prefecture. His series *Rave Master* has made him one of the most popular manga artists in America. *Fairy Tail*, currently being serialized in *Weekly Shônen Magazine*, is his latest creation.

AFTERWORD

The Erza chapter is over! Thank you for hanging in there!!! No, really, that's how I feel. I hung in, and I'm a little tired. But those last images in the book where Natsu and Erza are hugging—I really wanted to draw that!! I wanted to draw the scene where Erza was crying out of both eyes!! I worked hard through the whole story arc just to get to those. The fact that Erza could only cry out of one eye was something I had decided on at the beginning, and if you look at all the images of her crying, you'll see it foreshadowed in those...But there's one scene where I made a mistake and had tears streaming out of both eyes. (Sweat, sweat.) And I had paid so much attention to foreshadowing this fact too...so why?!! (Did I simply forget?)

Actually, this entire Erza chapter was a parody of my last work, *Rave Master's* Etherion Chapter. Etherion. Sieg. Sieg's magic. The scene where Natsu is pictured on a black background and his taunts. The fireworks in the next volume too. All that and more were self parodies. Of course, if you don't know about it, it doesn't affect your enjoyment. But I hope those who do know get a small smile on their faces while reading it.

And while concentrating on other things like the above stuff, *Fairy Tail* has reached its one hundredth installment!!! Yaay! I never intended it to go on this long!!! I had thought that I'd stop this series at about ten volumes!! That's what I figured!!! But everybody's warm support got me all fired up!!! Or, to tell you the truth, I just don't think I've drawn enough of the story to finish it off. (Eh-heh!) While I'm in the middle of drawing *Fairy Tail*, I just keep coming up with new things that I want to draw. Even though I haven't even thought through to the next plot twist! (Ha ha.) And so, I'd like to thank you all for your support. I plan to try even harder in the future! In the next volume, we have a character show up again from the old days...(You mean that character's going to be a regular?!!)

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction in our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Names

Hiro Mashima has graciously agreed to provide official English spellings for just about all of the characters in *Fairy Tail*. Because this version of *Fairy Tail* is the first publication of most of these spellings, there will inevitably be differences between these spellings and some of the fan interpretations that may have spread throughout the Web or in other fan circles. Rest assured that what is contained in this book are the spellings that Mashima-sensei wanted for *Fairy Tail*.

General Notes: Wizard

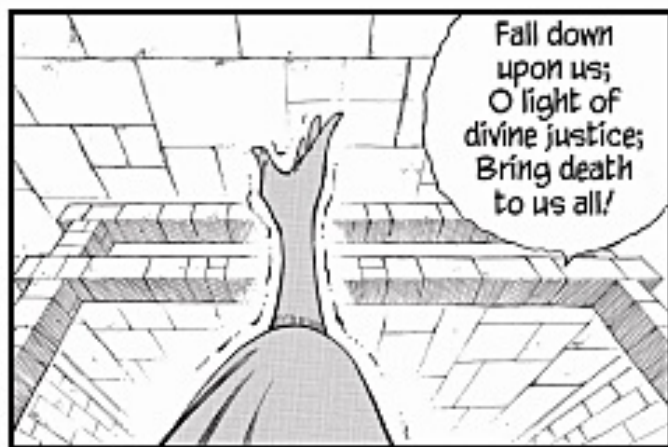
In the original Japanese version of *Fairy Tail*, there are occasional images where the word "wizard" is found. This translation has taken that as its inspiration, and translated the word *madôshi* as "wizard". But *madôshi's* meaning is similar to certain Japanese words that have been borrowed into the English language, such as judo (the soft way) and kendo (the way of the sword). *Madô* is the way of magic, and *madôshi* are those who follow the way of magic. So although the word "wizard" is used, the Japanese would think less of traditional Western wizards, such as Merlin or Gandalf, and more of martial artists.

San Diego Comic-Con, page 202

The San Diego Comic-Con is America's largest comic-book convention, with an annual attendance of more than 120,000 in the past several years (including 2008, when Mashima-sensei went). Although it was traditionally a convention for American comic books, it has supported anime and manga since the 1980s, and has been a playground for such notable manga luminaries as Monkey Punch (*Lupin III*), Kia Asamiya (*Silent Mobius*), and Rumiko Takahashi (*Inu Yasha*) among many others. In the '90s and especially the decade of the 2000s, movie studios began to see the potential for viral marketing and started to play their previews and host Hollywood stars, directors, and crews in panels plugging their movies. There is even a panel for translators and editors of manga and anime, for any who want to know more about how their favorite manga is brought to English-speaking countries.

Ikaruga's poem, page 9

Ikaruga's poem is a haiku. Haiku is the most popular form of Japanese poetry. A standard haiku verse is a series of seventeen syllables separated into lines of five syllables, then seven, then five. See more about haiku in the notes for volume II.



Grand Chariot, page 97

The seven stars Jellal is referring to form the constellation (star cluster) known to most American astronomers and astronomy hobbyists as the Pleiades. However, it is known in French as the Grand Chariot, and although the kanji in Jellal's dialog was written as "Seven Star Sword," the *furigana* pronunciation guide to the kanji reads, "Grand Chariot."



Shaved Ice, page 123

This image depicts a pretty standard summer scene in Japan. Shaved ice is one of the most popular summertime treats for children (and adults) in Japan. It is something like the popular treat, snowcones, in the West, but the amount of toppings is far more varied. Aside from the syrups found in snowcones, shaved ice can also be topped with such things as condensed milk, sweet beans, or maccha green tea.

Moun·tain·li·on·pooon! page 195

What she said in the Japanese was, "Ya·ma·ne·ko·pooon!" which basically means "Mountain Lion-pooon" with the "pooon" part being a meaningless sound intended to make the phrase a little cuter.



**I went to a signing in San Diego, USA! Uwooh!!
I was a little worried.
What would I do if I went to the signing and nobody showed up? But my fears were groundless—a huge group of people were there, and the signing was a smashing success!!
(Phew! That was a relief!)
This is a picture of me going on a rampage when some nice fan gave me a scarf just like Natsu's!**

—Hiro Mashima

Preview of Volume 13

We're pleased to present you with a preview from volume 13, now available from Kodansha Comics. Check out our Web site (www.kodanshacomics.com) for more details!



Hiro Mashima Creator of *Rave Master*



Long
time,
no see.

GLEAM

GLEAM

GLEAM

Grandeeneey!!

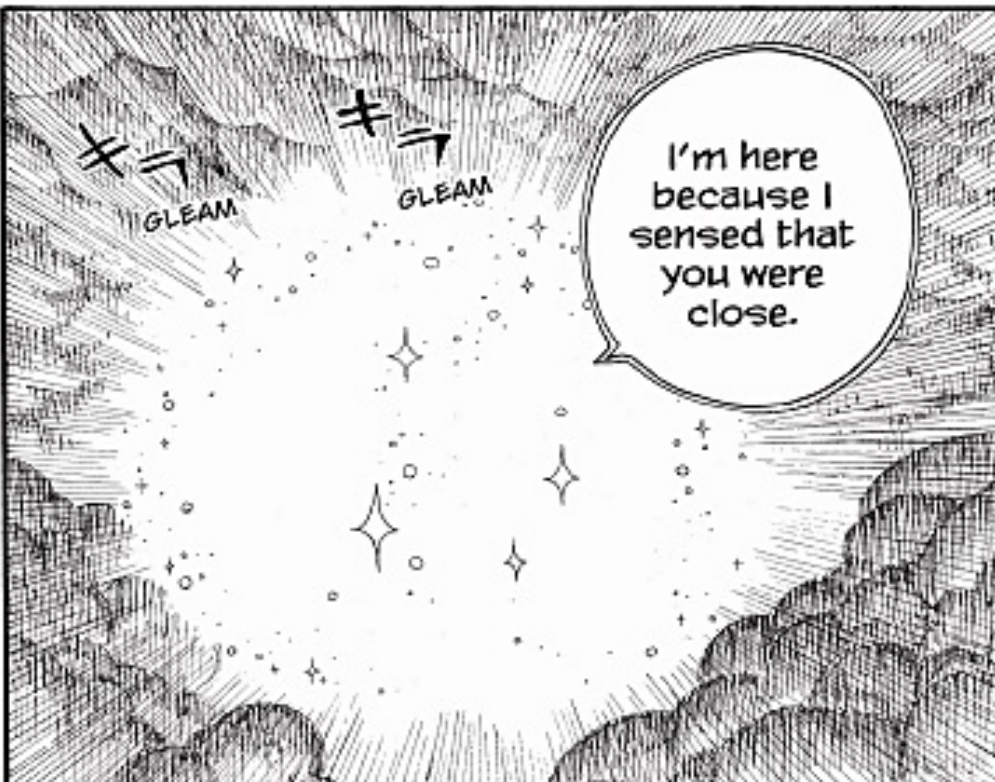


You should
leave *now*,
Grandeeneey!

You are...
forbidden to
meddle...or
even come
here!



You know, *that*
child is truly a
troublemaker.



I'm here
because I
sensed that
you were
close.







*Is it truly
your aim to
make Igneel
angry?!!!!*

GRAAAHHHH

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